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White Paper becomes a best seller

Labour MPs acclaim plan for Scotland

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE biggest change in Scotland's links to the rest of Britain for nearly 300 years was heralded yesterday as the Government published plans for an Edinburgh Parliament that can raise taxes and make many of its own laws.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, told MPs that the dramatic shift in power and influence back to Scotland, the greatest since the Act of Union in 1707, would strengthen the cohesion of the UK. The 129-member Parliament would start work in 2000.

But Michael Ancram, the Tories' constitutional spokesman, branded the proposals as "dangerous, damaging and dishonest". He claimed they would lead to "grave instability and long-term constitutional turmoil".

The White Paper stirred great public interest in Scotland last night. Within two hours of going on sale at a large Glasgow bookshop, 500 copies of the £6.50 document had been sold. A record for sales of a government publication looked certain. "They are going like the proverbial Scottish hot stones," the manager said.

A spokesman for the Scottish Office said it was astonished at the sales. The Stationery Office printed an initial run of 5,000. Last night after hearing of demand from bookshops, they printed another 3,000," he said. "Bookshops around the country are reporting heavy sales. If this is anything to go by, fears of apathy seem groundless."

The new Parliament, if approved by a referendum, would be elected in 1999. An executive from the winning party would be headed by a First Minister and operate like a British Government.

It would be responsible for health, education, local government, housing, transport, law and order, the environment, agriculture, sport and the arts, and many other policy areas.

The Parliament would have power to raise or reduce the basic rate of income tax by up to three pence, yielding £450 million at today's figures. The sum would be guaranteed, irrespective of changes to the structure of United Kingdom tax rates.

The Westminster Parliament would retain responsibility for foreign affairs.

THE PROPOSALS:

- 129-member Parliament to be elected in 1999.
- Electors to get two votes, one for a constituency MP and one for a party list: 73 members will be directly elected, and 56 according to the votes for their parties.
- Education, health, law, environment, local government, and other areas devolved.
- Foreign, defence, security, and constitution stay with London.
- Parliament able to increase or decrease tax by 3p.
- Scottish MPs at Westminster to be cut by about 12.

defence and national security, ethical matters such as abortion and human fertilisation and, crucially, the constitution of the United Kingdom. The Scottish Parliament could not deliver independence for Scotland, even though it might debate it.

The Scottish people will be asked in the referendum on September 11 whether they support the creation of a Parliament and whether it should be able to raise tax.

The transfer of power will mean an eventual reduction in the number of Scottish MPs at Westminster by a bout a dozen.

Mr Dewar had to bow to devolution critics within the Cabinet led by Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, that the law which guarantees Scotland 71 seats — there are 72 at present — should be repealed. There are only 55,000 electors on average per Scottish seat, compared with 69,000 in England.

But Mr Dewar succeeded in ensuring that the change will

So far Tory MPs attacked Mr Dewar's announcement that Scottish executive ministers would be able to participate in EU Council of Ministers meetings and could in some cases speak for the United Kingdom. He stressed that they would speak to an agreed British line.

A delighted Mr Dewar, who flew to celebrate with Scottish MPs and home rule campaigners at Edinburgh Castle last night, told MPs: "In my time I have seen many devolution schemes. I genuinely Continued on Page 2, col 3

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Suicide on houseboat ends hunt for Versace's gay killer

From TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON AND MICHAEL McDONOUGH IN MIAMI

ONE of the biggest manhunts in America ended yesterday when police and FBI agents discovered the body of Andrew Cunanan, the gay gigolo and serial killer, in a Miami Beach houseboat only three miles from the mansion where he had murdered Italian designer Gianni Versace.

Cunanan, 27, appeared to have committed suicide on the blue and white vessel, moored at Indian Creek. The gun found by his side was said to be "similar" to the .40 pistol used in three of his murders, including that of Versace.

As the sun rose over the pastel shades of Miami's Deco District, Cunanan's body was removed by police who will try to establish whether he was HIV positive.

"All across the nation, our citizens can stand down and breathe a sigh of relief," said Richard Barreto, the Miami



Tracey Whalin, chained at the ankles, is escorted into a Florida court yesterday

Woman who ran off with son's friend is arrested

From TUNKU VARADARAJAN
IN NEW YORK

THE mother of three who ran away with the 14-year-old best friend of her son was warned by detectives who found the couple in Florida that she faces up to 20 years in prison.

Tracey Whalin, 33, appeared in court last night in handcuffs and manacled at the ankles while the boy was being cared for by social workers.

Mrs Whalin from Nottingham kept her head bowed and nodded as the judge said that she will have to stay in custody unless she can find \$140,000 bail. The couple had been found at a holiday resort in the Florida Keys after Sean Kinsella telephoned his parents and police traced the call.

Dressed in prison-issue blue jumpsuit Mrs Whalin was flanked by two armed police officers during her 13 minute appearance. Detectives say she had confessed to having a passionate sexual affair for

over a year with the boy who plays in the same football team as her son.

She told them it was Sean's idea that they should abscond together to America.

She was charged with "lewd and indecent assault on a child" as well as with "interference with custody". The first offence carries a maximum penalty of 15 years in prison while the second — which

means taking a child without his parents' permission — is punishable by up to 5 years.

Sean is expected to be reunited with his mother, Beryl Kinsella, on Saturday.

A spokesman for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department described how the pair had been apprehended: "Sean rang his mother and they had a long conversation. After that the FBI, the Nottingham police and AT&T were able to home in on the number from which the call had been made.

"We got there, knocked on the door, and the weary 14-year-old answered it. We asked him if he was okay and he said yes. Then we asked him if we could see Mrs Whalin and he told us that she wasn't decent. We ordered him to tell her to get dressed, which she did, and then we took them both into custody."

It is thought that the American authorities are likely to deal leniently with Mrs Whalin and could decide to deport her.

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Kamara: I stood out like a sore thumb

Star of the black and white identity parade

By RICHARD DUKE

AS HE lined up in the identity parade Martin Kamara might just have a point in deeming the parade unfair, had decided on what they believed to be the sensible option. They had the faces of all the other men painted black by a make-up artist who left their hands *au naturel*.

All of them were white. Police, accepting that 6ft 3in

The blackmail case was dismissed by a judge yesterday because he found the prosecution had no corroborative evidence. An astonished Judge Michael Astill described the identity parade as "a farce".

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Law Lords raise Myra Hindley's hopes of release from prison

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

MYRA HINDLEY'S hopes of release may have been boosted yesterday by a House of Lords decision that Michael Howard had exceeded his powers when he increased the minimum period that a double murderer must spend in prison.

The Law Lords ruled that the former Home Secretary wrongly increased from 15 to 20 years the "tariff" that John Pieron must serve to meet the needs of retribution and deterrence. The 32-year ruling has thrown into doubt whether a Home Secretary can increase a minimum sentence once it has been fixed and communicated to a murderer.

It is understood that the Home Office has already conceded that if it lost in the Pieron case, it would have to look again at Hindley's position.

Pieron shot his sleeping mother and father at their remote farmhouse near Oswestry in Shropshire in 1984 and was given a double life sentence.

His initial tariff of 15 years was increased to 20 years. But Lord Hope of Craighead ruled yesterday that the Home Secretary does not have a general power to increase the period which he or his predecessor has fixed... once his decision has been issued and communicated." But, the Law Lords said, if the trial judge and Home Secretary had been misled, a tariff could be increased.

The ruling also confirmed that the Home Secretary still has the power to set the initial tariff for offenders after taking advice from the Lord Chief Justice and the trial judge.

Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Steyn also ruled that Mr Howard had exceeded his powers. Lord Brown-Wilkinson and Lord Lloyd of Berwick dissented.

The Home Office said last night that it would carefully consider the Lords' ruling. "We don't know what effect, if any, it will have on other cases," a spokesman said. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, refused to comment.

Keith Akester, of Justice, the pressure group, said: "This means that other cases where tariffs have been raised by the Home Secretary will obviously have to be looked at immediately."

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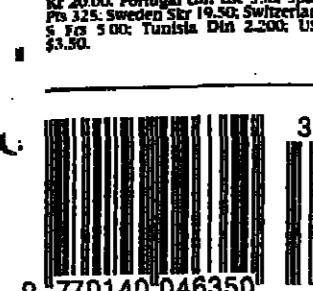
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A generous drop of Dewar puts the House in good spirits

"May I thank my Rt Hon friend," said Rosemary McKenna (Lab, Cumbernauld and Kilsyth) to the Scottish Secretary, "for an hour and a quarter of entertainment." Poker-faced Donald Dewar greeted the compliment without apparent pleasure.

But he deserved it. Other columns will pick through the political significance of yesterday's Statement on the Devolution White Paper for Scotland. Here we might just pay tribute to one of the wittiest off-the-cuff perfor-

mances by a Cabinet Minister in recent memory. If the forthcoming Bill fails, Mr Dewar has a pier-end future as a first-rate deadpan comic. In his vinegary way he combines the blank stare of Paul Merton with the acid tongue of Richard Wilson. What follows, then, could serve as the first page in a possible anthology: *The Wit and Wisdom of Donald Dewar*.

(*To Lib Dem spokesman Menzies Campbell, who had first heard Dewar argue for devolution in 1980:*) "I do qualify as a sort of parlemen-

tation of the Maastricht Treaty to a Scottish Parliament: "I'd be the last to tackle him on European matters because I might never emerge from the morass."

(*To Lib Dem spokesman Jim Wallace, who had welcomed the White Paper as the first step to a United Kingdom Federation:*) "He's pushing his luck."

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tary long-distance runner: "(To George Galloway - Lab, Glasgow, Hillhead - who had told Dewar he was joining 'somewhere, beyond these rafters' a heavenly host of heroes who had fought for Scottish home rule): "I'm just a little bit nervous about my place there. I recently heard somebody on the wireless call

me 'a modern Robert the Bruce'. I took to my bed for the rest of the day."

(*To Ian Davidson - Lab, Glasgow, Pollok - who had suggested that Tories stood their best chance of defeating devolution in the referendum if the ballot was 'one-acre-one-vote':*) "I'm doubtful about one slogan for a 'yes' to

both referendum questions 'Yes, yes, make mine a double' might appeal in some parts of Scotland, but I suspect not to others."

(*To John Greenway - C. Ryedale - who suggested the catchphrase 'To George Galloway - Lab, Glasgow, Hillhead - who had told Dewar he was joining 'somewhere, beyond these rafters' a heavenly host of heroes who had fought for Scottish home rule:*) "I'm just a little bit nervous about my place there. I recently heard somebody on the wireless call

centuries. Then, within a few years, they start claiming each as part of the web and the wool of our ancient constitutional fabric."

(*To Eleanor Laing - C. Epping Forest - who suggested the catchphrase 'To George Galloway - Lab, Glasgow, Hillhead - who had told Dewar he was joining 'somewhere, beyond these rafters' a heavenly host of heroes who had fought for Scottish home rule:*) "No more Scotch whisky jokes. I would remind Hon Members opposite of the surname of their leader."

(*To Rachel Squire - Lab, Dunfermline W:*) "The Conservative Party has opposed every significant constitutional reform in the last two

and that'll be nice." (*To Tory spokesman Liam Fox, who called one provision in the plans a conspiracy:*) "If he sees things like that as conspiracies he must lead a very frightened life."

(*To Mr Fox, who thought it an offence against the Trade Descriptions Act to call the Liberal Democrats an opposition party:*) "It does occur to me as unwise for him to talk about the Trade Descriptions Act. He describes himself as an Opposition Spokesman on Scotland."

BBC chiefs agree to change the face of Radio 4

Up to 20 familiar programmes are likely to disappear soon, Carol Midgley and Damian Whitworth report

BBC governors yesterday sanctioned wide-ranging changes to Radio 4 that are likely to include the end of programmes such as *Farming Today*, *You and Yours* and *The Moral Maze*. The changes to the station's schedule were approved by the board after a meeting at Bush House.

Up to 20 programmes, some which have been going for decades, have been earmarked for the axe by James Boyle, Controller of Radio 4, prompting protests by pressure groups, BBC staff and listeners.

Mr Boyle is keen to introduce more comedy, quiz shows and modern drama to the station. Yesterday the BBC refused to confirm details of the changes because Mr Boyle was flying to America for his son's wedding. They will be disclosed when he returns next week.

It is thought that the *Today* programme will be extended by 30 minutes, starting at 6am rather than 6.30am, at the ex-

pense of *Farming Today*, which may be restricted to weekends or absorbed into *Today*.

Yesterday in Parliament, the 15-minute snapshot of exchanges in the Houses of Parliament, is also under threat in its current form. Questions have been raised in the House about its future and staff are campaigning for its survival. A Saturday edition of *The Archers* is being planned and *Woman's Hour* may be moved back to the afternoons. *Kaleidoscope*, *Start the Week* and *The Afternoon Shift* are likely to go or be revamped.

But the board of 12 governors said in a statement yesterday they had been reassured Radio 4 was not being "dumbed down" to seek a younger, mass audience.

Governors were reassured that the BBC's proposals for Radio 4 were entirely in keeping with its best traditions, cultures and values. They commended the thorough and careful review conducted by James Boyle and noted the

widespread consultation which had taken place.

The governors, in common with Matthew Bannister (director of BBC Radio) and James Boyle, do not wish Radio 4 to seek a younger audience and would not countenance the network becoming either less demanding or less rewarding for its established, thoughtful listeners." They asked for a further report on the commissioning process and audience attitudes.

Staff from *Yesterday in Parliament* have circulated an internal memo around the BBC urging executives to preserve the programme. The memo expresses bitterness that YIP is regarded as a strand of the *Today* programme rather than a programme in its own right. It argues that the programme's reporter is often the only journalist in the Commons Press Gallery at key moments in the day.

The *Today* programme should not have the power of life or death over YIP simply because it currently forms part of that programme," it says. "If they resent having the daily report imposed on them the solution would appear straightforward: allow YIP a freestanding slot in the morning schedules at peak time."

The memo adds: "The programme does not just regurgitate the main soundbites heard on news programmes. The correspondents and editors pride themselves on seeking a different approach, a different angle, exploring the absurdities and the pathos of many parliamentary events."

Dame Barbara: to reconsider manslaughter charges

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Director of Public Prosecutions agreed yesterday to reconsider bringing manslaughter charges against three officers over a custody death, her second such move in as many days.

The High Court had expressed concern over the actions of Dame Barbara Mills's department, including discrepancies between affidavits and case notes, over the death of 19-stone Richard O'Brien, who suffocated after being arrested. The concerns included late disclosure of case notes and the identity of the official who took the decision not to recommend charges. One of the documents produced for the case was a memo addressed to Dame Barbara,

headed "For your decision". Last night CPS sources said the decision was taken by Robert Munday, a principal Crown prosecutor, and that Dame Barbara saw no evidence of material.

On Wednesday, Dame Barbara agreed to reconsider a decision not to prosecute two officers over the death of Shiji Lapite, arrested in Stoke Newington, northeast London.

Mr O'Brien, 37, died when he was arrested in Walworth, south London, in 1994. He had 31 areas of injury. An inquest jury said he had been unlawfully killed. The dead man's widow, Alison, of Bryn Park, Swansea, had asked the court to overturn the decision not to prosecute.

Such was the excitement over the event at Westminster that even John Major turned up. Seizing the embarrassing lack of players, he left quickly.

Yesterday's motion expressed "regret" at the players' absence and added: "While wishing the Australian team well, we believe there is no doubt that MPs will now be strengthened in their desire to see England regain the Ashes, and we wish Mike Atherton and his team every success." One MP has also written to the Australian High Commission to complain.

Roger Stott, Labour MP for Wigan and vice-chairman of the Cricket Group said the lunch was embarrassing for both the MPs and Texaco.

"It is a strengthening of the Scottish Constitutional Convention document. Where there is significant change from the Convention scheme it is usually better. We in the Liberal Democrats will now be actively campaigning for a yes, yes vote in the referendum."

Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National Party, said he welcomed the publication of the White Paper, allowing the Scottish people to study the detail of the proposals.

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that manages to upset the Tories to the extent this has to have some positive aspects. But the list of powers to be reserved by Westminster is uncomfortably long."

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Black feminist saw racism where none existed

Tribunal rejects bias claim, reports Kathryn Knight

A BLACK left-wing sociology lecturer was told by an industrial tribunal yesterday that her passionate beliefs had made her see a racist conspiracy where none existed.

Zimbabwean-born Ruth Chigwada-Bailey, an adviser to Emily's List, the Labour organisation that campaigns for more women parliamentary candidates, had a claim for racial discrimination dismissed because there was no case to answer.

Jessica Hill, the tribunal chairwoman, told Mrs Chigwada-Bailey that she had lost touch with reality and her judgment had been clouded by her feminist and anti-racist beliefs. She said Mrs Chigwada-Bailey, author of a book entitled *Black Women's Experiences of Criminal Justice - A Discourse on Disadvantage*, saw a conspiracy of racism in the most innocent remarks at the drugs clinic where she worked.

Mrs Chigwada-Bailey, 38, had sought compensation from Camden and Islington Community Health Services NHS Trust for racial discrimination. In 1995 she was employed, via an agency, to be a charge nurse at a Community Health and Drug Service clinic in Camden, north London. She left in February 1996 when she was told that her services were no longer needed.

Giving evidence, Mrs Chigwada-Bailey said she had initially encountered hostility after questioning why there were no other black nurses at the clinic, which was in an

area with a large ethnic-minority population. She said that black people who requested a black nurse were often refused.

She told the tribunal that the white staff at the clinic had created a hostile atmosphere, and had referred to "your part of the world" as if she came from an inferior culture. On one occasion, she said, a senior nurse had suggested she use black magic to secure

"We just can't find any evidence that there had been a case of discrimination," Ms Hill said at the tribunal in London. "The applicant clearly feels passionately about women's rights and black persons' rights. For that she is to be congratulated. But she appeared unable to accept there were potentially innocuous connotations."

Ms Hill said that black patients received the same care as white addicts at the clinic and that Mrs Chigwada-Bailey had presented a "blinded view" of the way the patients were treated.

Sean Jones, barrister for the NHS trust, said Mrs Chigwada-Bailey had been sincere about her allegations but was too quick to leap to conclusions of racist behaviour. "She has an absolute, and we say unjustified, belief in her ability to detect racism. Any compliment put to her is an act of racial harassment, and she knows it to be so."

Last night Mrs Chigwada-Bailey, a part-time lecturer at Birkbeck College in London, said: "I just wanted compensation for what happened to me. I have not got a chip on my shoulder. I don't consider every white person to be racist and I have lots of white friends, many of whom supported me in this action."

Ms Hill ruled that there was no case to answer after hearing evidence for 2½ days. She said that Mrs Chigwada-Bailey view was clouded by beliefs

a win for the staff National Lottery syndicate.

Mrs Chigwada-Bailey, of Stanmore, northwest London, said her job was made more difficult because white drug addicts were given preference for treatment at the clinic. She said that when she left she was told that a staff position had been hidden from her.

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American pi whipped by cream of Japan

By Nick Nuttall, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A JAPANESE scientist has again outstripped his American rivals by calculating pi to more than 50 billion decimal places. The long-running rivalry between Yasumasa Kanada of Tokyo University and the Chudnovsky brothers of Columbia University, New York, has pushed the value of pi to unheard-of levels.

Pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter and known to most schoolboys as 3.142 recurring, is a number without end so the latest calculation is unlikely to be the last.

Two years ago Professor Kanada used two computers to verify the value of pi to 6,442,490,000 decimal places. His latest figure e-mailed to Roger Webster of Sheffield University and a leading authority on the history of pi, pushes the number of digits to 51,539,607,552.

It beats by more than 48 billion the number of decimal places calculated by David and Gregory Chudnovsky. They first calculated pi to more than a billion decimal places in 1989 using a computer they built.

Dr Webster, of the university's school of mathematics and statistics, said if someone read aloud the latest record at a digit a second it would take 1,200 years to complete. "Printed in a book it would be five

Two twits failed to woo owls

By Simon de BRUGELLES

EVERY night, for a year amateur owl breeder Neil Simmons tiptoed outside to hoot at a wild owl roosting at the end of his garden. He was no Dr Dolittle and the owl remained silent.

Last year Fred Cornes moved in next door, heard an owl hooting and answered back. For 12 months the neighbours crept into the back gardens of their homes in Stokeinteignhead, Devon, thinking they were communicating with nature. Mr Simmons kept a log of all his conversations with his feathered friend. They would be out again tonight if it weren't for a chance conversation between their wives.

Mr Simmons, a computer programmer, said: "My wife Kim was telling Fred's wife Wendy about my owl watching and described how I got the birds to hoot back. She said, 'That's funny — that's just what Fred has been doing.' Then the penny dropped. I felt such a twit when I found out. The trouble is that owl calls aren't that precise and it's easy to make a mistake."

Mr Cornes said: "I'm really flattered. I never realised I sounded so realistic. I love nature and I couldn't resist hooting at the owls. I was absolutely delighted when they hooted back. I never realised that I was fooling my neighbour who was fooling me."

The tiny guitar for people with music in their blood

By Nick Nuttall, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

IN THE age of the mini hi-fi and the ever-shrinking personal stereo, American scientists have been thinking small to produce the ultimate musical instrument: a guitar about the size of a human blood cell.

Carved out of silicon, it is a hundredth of a millimetre long, and the width of each of its six strings is 50 nanometres — a nanometre is one billionth of a metre. In comparison, the diameter of a human hair is 200,000 nanometres.

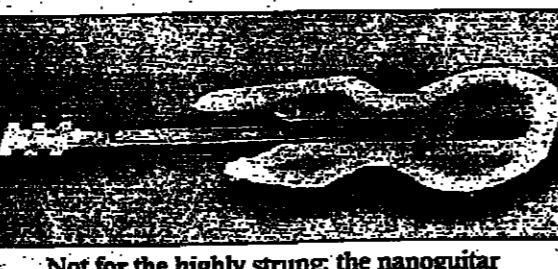
The strings can be plucked by a device known as an atomic force microscope, the researchers claim, but the device's purpose is scientific rather than musical. The technology behind its construction offers break-

throughs in making ever finer electrical circuits and micro-electronic machines able to travel round the body repairing cells.

The "nanoguitar" is the creation of a team led by two scientists at Cornell University. Professor Harold Craighead and Dustin Carr used technology known as E-beam or electron beam lithography, to etch out the guitar from a single crystal of silicon. Most micro-electrical devices are made us-

ing chemical etching techniques. E-beams in which a beam of electrons can produce a pattern, is more precise and can deliver finer designs.

Professor Craighead said: "I know we can go smaller than this. The question is how small we can go and still have dependable and measurable mechanical properties. We are nearing the technological limit where it gets harder to get smaller than this."



Not for the highly strung: the nanoguitar



Sarah Briggs, who wrote to newspaper about poor teaching and staff absenteeism

Byers orders inquiry into expelled girl

By JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

A MINISTERIAL inquiry began yesterday into the expulsion of a 15-year-old girl

who wrote to a local newspaper criticising teaching at her school.

Sarah Briggs was accused

of bringing Queen Elizabeth's School, in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, into disrepute.

She had complained of teacher

absenteeism and an inade-

quate response to a critical

inspection report. Sarah was

expelled after refusing to apolo-

gise to the head teacher.

Stephen Byers, the Minister

for School Standards, called

for an urgent report on the

case yesterday and said that

pupils should be allowed to

comment on standards. Chris

Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, also expressed

concern.

Sarah, who is due to take

GCSEs next year, wrote the

letter with three fellow pupils

at the voluntary-aided school.

The others apologised after an

ultimatum from Nicola Atkin,

the head. Sarah was still

refusing to retract her com-

ments yesterday, claiming to

speak for dozens of pupils.

She said: "All I was com-

plaining about was my education

because I felt it was

suffering. I stand by what I've

said, no matter what happens,

even though it has caused all

this fuss for everyone."

Her parents accused the

school of censorship. Her

mother, Susan, said: "When

all this blew up I did nothing

but cry, but I feel a lot better

now that people in authority

seem to be on our side."

Mr Byers said that he could

not discuss the individual

case, but added: "We don't

believe education is some

secret world about which par-

ents and pupils should not be allowed to comment."

Mr Woodhead said he re-

gretted the school's action.

"There is obviously a danger

of pupils inflaming a situation

by unnecessary remarks. But

we are clear that Ofsted re-

ports are written not just for

teachers, but also for parents

and pupils."

The inspection, in April last

year, identified "serious weak-

nesses" at the school, leaving it

close to failure. The inspectors

said pupils should be helped to

develop more self-motivation

and teachers should plan

lessons more rigorously and

reduce disruption.

The report said: "Long-term

absences and difficulties in

appointing the right staff to

key posts have seriously af-

fected the quality of education."

The girls' letter, written anonymously, claimed that some teachers were absent persistently. The school said that four members of staff had suffered long-term illness. A source at the school disclosed that Sarah's own attendance

rate was only 77 per cent.

John Carter, the chairman

of governors, said the allega-

tions had been examined and

rejected. He had written to

Sarah's parents offering another opportunity to apologise before an official ex-

amination hearing in September.

Fred Riddell, who chairs

Norfolk County Education

Authority, said he wanted an

early hearing to avoid disrupt-

ing Sarah's education. "I am

very disappointed that such a

situation should have arisen

and am determined to do all I

can to bring it to a swift and

satisfactory conclusion."

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Boxing's ruling body may challenge decision to knock out fights

By RUSSELL JENKINS



Lewis: home defence

BOXING'S governing body is considering legal action to reverse a decision by Bury Metropolitan Borough Council to ban professional bouts from its leisure centres.

The British Boxing Board of Control, fearful that other councils could follow Bury's example, may itself challenge the decision in the courts or back an action by a major boxing promoter.

The ban follows a series of controversies in boxing's heavy-

weight division, including drug allegations surrounding the American fighter Oliver McCall, and Mike Tyson biting off part of Evander Holyfield's ear.

The council voted by 23 to 17 in favour of a ban. Derek Boden, its leader, said that councillors were impressed by the medical evidence against the sport. The vote, which was not whipped, cut across party lines.

Council officers had prepared a report using research by the British Medical Association to suggest that

repeated blows to the head can cause cumulative and lasting damage and that "punch drunk" boxers are more prone to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases. Mr Boden said: "We decided that professional boxing is not compatible with the purpose of running our leisure centres, which is to promote health and wellbeing."

He said that councillors found the evidence in favour of a ban for professional fights "compelling" but such evidence was less conclusive in the case of amateur boxing

which is not subject to the ban. Bury council decided to impose a moratorium on professional boxing after the death of James Murray in a bout in Glasgow in 1995. It was lifted earlier this year to allow Adey Lewis, 21, the British flyweight champion, who lives in Bury, to defend his title in his home town. Lewis had also wanted to hold his next fight, against Commonwealth title holder Peter Culshaw, in Bury.

It was pressure from Lewis's connections on the council to change its policy that provoked the

debate. They described the decision as hypocritical but their efforts have left the sport with a considerable problem.

Adey Lewis, known as the Mighty Atom, said: "I am very disappointed. This decision is out of order. They obviously do not know anything about boxing. I will just have to go somewhere else to fight."

The Boxing Board of Control sent Robert Smith, its southern area officer, to observe the debate. Before it started, he delivered an impassioned plea that boxing was a

closely supervised sport and that the ban would deter other young fighters from emerging. Mr Smith said: "Some of the arguments they have used are just not valid. They have banned the professional sport but not the amateur one, which seems strange. A punch to the head is a punch to the head, whether or not you are being paid."

"It is not going to greatly affect professional boxing in the area but they have a British champion who would like to defend his title in front of his own supporters."

PoWs lose fight to reclaim £90m in wartime pay

Michael Evans on a review of veterans' claims

THOUSANDS of Second World War veterans held in prison camps in Germany and Italy have lost their fight to reclaim money that was deducted from their pay. A lengthy review, started under the last government, by Ministry of Defence historians found they had no case.

An estimated 14,000 former prisoners of war have been campaigning for lost pay amounting to about £90 million at today's value. A review in 1980 of their claim was regarded as inadequate and complaints from the ex-PoWs have increased.

John Spellar, Under-Secretary of State for Defence, said in a Commons written reply: "We now consider the matter closed." Overall the review found "no evidence of lack of care, of significant injustice or grave financial disadvantage".

He added: "I know, and very much regret, that those people who have had their hopes raised will be very disappointed. I must conclude that the contemporary evidence does not support the claims that have been made."

Under the wartime arrangements, PoWs who were officers, medics and chaplains, who were classed

as "protected personnel", were supposed to be given camp pay by their captors. The British authorities deducted the equivalent sum from their home pay to ensure that PoWs and others on active service received roughly the same remuneration.

However, many PoWs in Germany and Italy claimed they did not receive the full camp pay but found it difficult to press their case because all the pay records were destroyed after six years.

MoD sources said there had been a number of misconceptions among veterans. Many of those claiming, they said, thought the British authorities had deducted a percentage of their salary to repay Germany and Italy for the money they had paid the PoWs.

Although there was an agreement between Britain and Germany to refund money paid to PoWs, when the war ended each side agreed to waive the payments. The MoD sources also said that other ranks who had sent in claims did not receive camp pay, so no equivalent deductions had to be made.

Claims had also been made by PoWs in Japanese camps. Although a percentage of their

pay was also deducted, the deductions were refunded in full when they were repatriated because of the treatment they received at the hands of their Japanese captors.

Group Captain Alec Ingle, in charge of the Justice for Prisoners of War group, representing 8,500 officers who feel they lost between a quarter and a third of their pay during their stay in camps, said: "The review seems to be far from impartial." His organisation had not been consulted. "We know what happened. We were there," he added.

He said the exchange rate offered for camp pay when ex-PoWs returned home had amounted to only about one-third of its true value. In addition, most of the money spent while captive had been on things that, in normal circumstances, servicemen would not have had to pay for.

Graham King, of the National Ex-Prisoners of War Association, and a former member of the Medical Corps, said: "We won't give up." Former protected personnel, like himself, should have received not only a refund of deducted pay, but compensation for missed leave and lost promotion opportunities.

A MUSIC teacher convicted of murdering her elderly aunt by pushing her into a river was granted a retrial by the Court of Appeal yesterday. Joanna Bale writes.

Sheila Bowler, 67, who had been serving a life sentence at Holloway Prison in north London, was given bail pending the retrial at the Old Bailey after her conviction was quashed as unsafe.

Wiping away tears and hugging her children, Jane and Simon, she greeted

wellwishes on the steps of the court after the judgment. In a statement she said: "I'm enormously relieved at the outcome of today's hearing. I want to thank all the hundreds of members of the public, and other friends and complete strangers, who have helped me. It's great to be out and to have this chance to prove my innocence."

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, sitting with Mr Justice

Manielli and Mr Justice Dyson, were told that the jury at Mrs Bowler's trial at Lewes Crown Court in July 1993 was never given the chance of considering that 89-year-old Florence Jackson's death might have been an accident.

Mrs Bowler has always insisted that her late husband's aunt disappeared from her car, parked close to the River Brue near Rye in East Sussex, on May 13, 1992, while she was seeking help for a flat tire.

Banker changes route to drive buses

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A BANK manager has given up his £30,000-a-year job with NatWest to realise his childhood ambition of becoming a bus driver.

Despite the modest £11,000 salary and antisocial hours, John Burgin, 48, says that he has never been happier. "Banking was originally a career but in the end it became just a job," he said. "Once I knew I was leaving, I used to go outside at lunchtime and watch wistfully as the buses drove up and down. The time had come."

His love of buses was kindled as a boy growing up in Sheffield, where he collected bus maps and timetables. But Mr Burgin, from Nailsea, near Bristol, went on to spend nearly 30 years working his way up through NatWest.

He said: "The levels of stress are totally different. At the bank, things were very political. I worked hard all day and then took work home with me, and it never really finished."

"There is stress in driving a bus around Bristol — the traffic is heavy, car drivers can be rude and cyclists are a nuisance — but it's a different kind of stress and I don't take it home."

His late change to work for Bristol's City Line fleet has raised his retirement age from 60 to 65, but that does not bother him. "It's taken me 30 years to get on the buses and I'm not in any hurry to stop."

Teacher wins retrial over aunt's death

Sheila Bowler is reunited with her children, Jane and Simon, after being freed at the Court of Appeal yesterday

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Scientists clone lamb with human genes

The team that bred Dolly the sheep is claiming another breakthrough in genetic research, reports Nick Nuttall

THE first cloned animal carrying human genes has been developed by British scientists.

Polly, a two-week-old lamb, has been genetically engineered to produce human proteins in her milk.

Animals, including pigs, containing human genes have already been born. But Polly and her four sisters are the first to be cloned. It opens up the field for rapidly producing identical flocks of sheep or other farmyard animals able to produce human protein in their milk for treating diseases.

Alan Colman, research director at PPL Therapeutics in Edinburgh, said yesterday: "These lambs are the realisation of our vision to produce instant flocks or herds which express high concentrations of valuable therapeutic proteins very quickly."

The company is working with the Roslin Institute, near Edinburgh, which recently announced it had cloned Dolly the sheep. It was the first time an animal had been cloned from a cell taken from a living adult. Dr Colman said: "They [the new sheep] represent the

next step in the commercialisation of Roslin's pioneering nuclear transfer work."

The lambs were all born carrying additional genes but only Polly — named because she comes from the Poll Dorset breed — has the human gene. The genetic material or nucleus was modified by adding the human gene together with a marker gene.

The nucleus was then introduced into sheep's eggs from which the DNA had been removed.

The resulting embryos were transplanted in Scottish Blackface ewes which became pregnant. Blood samples were then taken from the lambs which were born and tests confirmed the presence of added genes.

Until now transgenic animals have been produced using the hit-and-miss method of micro-injection, which involves taking a fertilised egg and simply injecting DNA into it.

PPL said yesterday that Polly and the other lambs would not be used for production but confirmed the commercial potential of nuclear transfer work much closer.

He said the process would now be modified to try to develop new medical products using cows and pigs, as well as sheep. Professor Grahame Bullfield, director of the Roslin Institute, said: "This pioneering work will stimulate new opportunities in both agricultural and bio-medical research."



Battery hens must stay in cages, says council

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY
AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

FREE-RANGE hens are no happier than birds kept in battery cages, government advisers said yesterday. The Farm Animal Welfare Council said that battery cages should be phased out, but not until equally serious drawbacks of other rearing methods had been reduced.

The council recommended that the minimum area provided per caged egg-laying bird should be expanded to 600 sq cms — about the same size as a sheet of A4 paper — from the current minimum of 450.

All new battery units would need to comply immediately, and existing ones within five years, but only on condition that this is also applied to egg production throughout the EU and to imported eggs.

Poultry farmers have criticised the proposal, saying that it would add 20 per cent to production costs.

About 32 million hens in Britain are kept in battery cages, laying 85 per cent of the 9.6 billion eggs produced annually. Battery cages "arguably cause hen frustration and suffering", a report by the council said, because the birds cannot indulge in perching, scratching, foraging and dust bathing.

But battery cages are much better for controlling disease, temperature, food and water supply, and the space restriction suppresses the birds' natural aggression and avoids feather-pecking and cannibalism common in free-range systems.

Sir Colin Spedding, who chairs the council, said more research was needed into the possibility of producing more docile birds by changing diet or by breeding out aggression.

Elliot Morley, the Agriculture Minister responsible for animal welfare, welcomed the report, and said he would discuss it with the poultry industry.

Man jailed for getting rid of knife

A FORMER Labour councillor was jailed for a year yesterday for disposing of a knife his son was suspected of using in the murder of a girl.

Aubrey Ash-Smith, 49, who denied perverting the course of justice, told Maidstone Crown Court he had boiled the army knife to remove his own fingerprints before he took it apart and got rid of it.

His son Colin was a suspect in the 1993 murder of a girl aged 15. Mr Ash-Smith, of Stone, Kent, must have known this when he found the knife two years later, the court was told.

The son was later detained indefinitely at Broadmoor after admitting carrying out two attacks on women.

CORRECTIONS

■ A photograph accompanying a report in later editions yesterday of John Prescott's decision to reject a scheme for widening the M25 was not that of Mr Prescott. We apologise for the error.

■ Shares sold by Sir Timothy Sainsbury (report, July 16) were not from his personal holdings but from his holdings on behalf of family and charitable trusts, of which he is not a beneficiary.

■ An article "A listed house for people and bears" (May 14) retails at £3.99.

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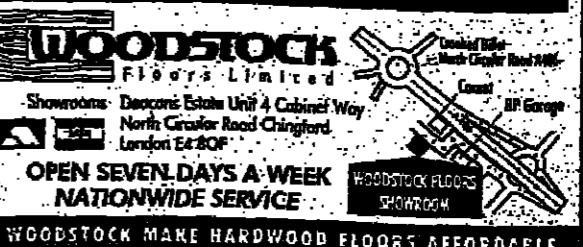
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It's in the

Editors unite to thwart fake medical research

EDITORS of nine medical journals have set up a committee to tackle research fraud. Their joint initiative is designed to shame medical schools and royal colleges into controlling a problem that brings the profession into disrepute.

The scale of fake research in Britain is not known but "it is becoming increasingly difficult to argue that cases are isolated and rare," Richard Smith, editor of the *British Medical Journal*, writes in today's issue. "The United States has many cases because it has more effective methods for identifying them. In Britain we seem to be leaving it to pharmaceutical companies, a

private agency and the media to discover most cases."

The plan to set up a committee came from Dr Michael Farthing, the editor of the specialist paper *Cut*, who discovered that four articles he was sent in his first year in the job were suspect. The new body will be known as COPE — the Committee on Publication Ethics — and it will encourage editors to respond to misconduct by reporting the authors to the schools and colleges rather than by taking the easy option of just sending the paper back.

The editors see themselves

in the front line of the battle because they are regularly asked to publish articles which have dubious data, if they print the article they give credence to the fraud. If they refuse to print they can be accused of libel.

Dr Richard Horton, editor of the *Lancet*, writes in his magazine that he has been threatened with libel actions twice in recent weeks. "Both instances concern potential wrongdoings. They have bitten back as aggressively as they can."

Last week the General Medical Council struck off John

Anderton, a consultant physician and former registrar and secretary of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, because he was found to be faking data in a clinical trial. He was caught only because Pfizer, the drug company he was working for, employed a private agency to investigate his work.

The agency is run by Dr Frank Wells, a former medical director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry. He says the agency is permanently busy with work from drugs companies and health authorities. Since 1989

he has reported 17 cases to the GMC which have resulted in findings of serious professional misconduct.

Recent cases have highlighted the problem. In May Dr Peter Nixon, a consultant cardiologist at Charing Cross Hospital in London admitted in court that errors in scientific papers written by him appeared to be "more than an honest slip of the pen". He was suing a television company for libel and the three-year trial, which was abandoned after his admission, cost the Medical Defence Union £2 million. Two years ago Dr Malcolm

Pearce, a brilliant young consultant gynaecologist at St George's in London, was caught out after he claimed to have performed the first successful relocation of an ectopic pregnancy — an embryo developing outside the womb. When doubts were raised, he could not produce a patient. In a desperate attempt to find a name he altered the records of a woman born in 1910.

Money — or prejudice — may be behind fakery. William McBride, an Australian scientist famous for helping expose the thalidomide scandal, altered results after becoming wrongly convinced that all drugs taken in pregnancy were wrong.

ADRIAN SHERBETT



SIMON WALKER

Measure of care: Cherie Booth and Baroness Jay yesterday announced support for breast cancer patients

Red tape cut yields £10m for breast cancer care

By IAN MURRAY, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

ONE-STOP clinics for rapid diagnosis of breast cancer will be among a package of measures costing £10 million to improve detection of the disease in England.

Funding will come from the £20 million saved from the NHS budget by suspending payments to the last batch of funding GPs. Each of the eight regional health authorities is to be given more than £1 million to improve breast cancer care.

Baroness Jay of Paddington, the Health Minister, said: "This is a clear demonstration of the Government's commitment to cut NHS bureaucracy and to put the money into direct patient care. This extra money will ensure that women have access to state-of-the-art treatment for breast cancer wherever they live."

The initiative was announced, on the day that Cherie Booth, whose aunt died from the illness, became patron of the charity Breast Cancer Care. "I have experience of seeing a loved one die of breast cancer so I know the effect it can have on the woman who is suffering from it and her family," Mrs Booth

said. The Government decided to make better treatment for breast cancer a priority within two weeks of taking office because of the high incidence of the disease. It is diagnosed in 32,000 British women each year and 14,000 die annually. One in 12 women will develop breast cancer.

Gordon McVie, director-general of the Cancer Research Campaign, said that the extra money would help to eliminate gaps in the cancer screening system. "The treatment women get is a lottery depending on where they live," he said.

The Government's next big challenge must be to address the geographical differences in standards of care and treatment for the other big cancer killers, such as lung and bowel."

Peter Selby, director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, welcomed the extra spending but said: "It is important that there are improved services and resources for all cancers."

The money will pay for more specialist nurses and surgeons. Other measures will

include: additional theatre sessions to enable women treated by Bromley Health Authority to have surgery within two weeks of diagnosis; 200 biopsies to be undertaken by Walsall Health Authority on a day-care basis, reducing the need for women to stay in hospital.

The "one-stop shop" enables a woman to learn if she has

cancer within three hours, compared with a wait of up to six weeks using traditional screening methods. Clive Griffiths, a consultant breast surgeon in Newcastle, said women there could have cancer diagnosed and be given a date for an operation within a week of being referred by their GP.

"The patient is given a triple

assessment," he said. "This includes a mammograph, which is read at once, clinical imaging and fine-needle aspiration from the lump for the cytology. It is 99.9 per cent accurate."

"In nine out of ten cases nothing is wrong but the quick diagnosis means that the patient can be reassured immediately and doesn't have to

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EU says British art houses must put up VAT

FROM CHARLES BREMNER
IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN'S art market came under fresh pressure from the European Union yesterday with a warning from the Commission that it will take legal action against the Government unless it raises taxes on auction fees.

British auction houses are "enjoying an unauthorised advantage" over their continental rivals because they levy VAT at only 2.5 per cent on auctioneers' services on imported works of art, rather than the standard British VAT rate of 17.5 per cent, the Commission said.

The warning was condemned yesterday by London dealers Michael Tollermach, chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers, said: "Each little nibble away at the advantageous position of London drives more business away from the EU as a whole towards New York, Switzerland and other places."

The move is the latest in a series by the Commission to force Britain's traditionally unrestricted art market into line with the higher taxes on the Continent. Britain agreed in 1994 to apply a 2.5 per cent VAT charge to antiques and art dating before 1973 imported from outside the EU. The level is to rise to 5 per cent in 1999.

London art houses say the levy is already deterring customers. Last year such imports fell from £1 billion to about £600 million.

The biggest worry of the London houses is an EU move to impose an extra levy of 2 to 4 per cent as a loyalty to artists or their heirs if the artist's death was less than 70 years ago. The so-called *droit de suite*, widespread on the Continent, is expected to become EU law by a majority vote.

The Commission has given the Government two months to change the law before taking it to the European Court of Justice. A spokesman for the Government said it would examine the Commission's request but noted that there were "sound arguments" to justify the present arrangements.

Unhappiness drove out opera chief

Carol Midgley hears Genista McIntosh tell MPs of the stress caused by trying to run a divided Covent Garden

GENISTA MCINTOSH, who resigned after four months as chief executive of the Royal Opera House, spoke publicly for the first time yesterday about her unhappiness and the managerial confusion that caused her to leave.

Ms McIntosh, 50, described the organisation as "diffused and fragmented" and admitted that she had taken the job without realising the scale of its problems. She also conceded in evidence to a Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee that it was her distress rather than ill health — the reason officially given for her sudden departure in May — that prompted her to go.

But Ms McIntosh said that she still had the highest regard for the opera house's staff and that it was her own decision to resign. She denied that she had been frozen out by a clique at the opera house, which has closed to be refurbished with a £78.5 million National Lottery grant. She said there had been a mismatch between herself and the organisation.

"You can be made extremely welcome but still feel uncomfortable," she said. "The ROH is quite a diffused and fragmented organisation managerially... lines of communication can be both powerful and unclear."

Gerald Kaufman, committee chairman, told Ms McIntosh she had "absolutely blown your cover story that you resigned through ill health". She replied: "I left because I was extremely unhappy in the job. There is no doubt that being extremely unhappy causes you to be very dis-

tracted and it also causes stress. Had I continued I might well have become ill."

Ms McIntosh, former executive director of the National Theatre, said: "What I perceived when I was there was a level of ownership which people feel about the ROH; it goes right from the most senior people all the way down to people who pay the smallest amounts of money. People feel they own the opera house."

"I felt that opposing myself to that degree of belief and commitment in the institution would have been very difficult. It would have needed a degree of sympathy and certainly about my own position to have gone forward with it."

Mr Kaufman attacked what he described as the cliquey environment of the opera house. The taxpayer paid a great deal of subsidy to it each year, he said. "Is there not an argument for saying that this cosy feeling of propriety

should be broken open, so there is a new culture? It seems you were the most appropriate person to do it."

Ms McIntosh replied: "There is certainly a case for that."

The Earl of Gowrie, chairman of the Arts Council, said that Mary Allen, then his secretary-general, had been approached without his knowledge to take Ms McIntosh's place. He was "gobsmacked" when he was told only a few days before the formal announcement.

Her appointment to the post, for £90,000 to £100,000 a year, looked like a "stitch-up job" done on the "old boy and old girl network" — but that was not the case, he said.

Sir Jeremy Isaacs, the former head of the opera house, told the committee there could be a "people's opera" only if more money was invested in it. "You cannot have the people's opera unless people are prepared to pay for it," he said, referring to the recent call by Chris Smith, the Culture, Media and Sport Secretary, for the opera house to offer cheaper seats and to lose its exclusive image.

The opera house receives £15 million a year in subsidy but has an operating deficit of about £4.5 million. Sir Jeremy said that taxpayers were each paying 65p per year. "I do not believe it is an excessive price to pay." He denied that he was still being paid a salary despite having left at the end of the year. He had received a lump sum to pay him until the end of his contract in September because he had been asked to leave early.



Sir Jeremy yesterday: said more money needed



Genista McIntosh leaving the Commons after giving evidence yesterday.

London siphons unfair share of arts cash

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

LONDON devours so much of the cash available for the arts that four-fifths of the population are not getting their fair share. The capital receives four times as much money for the arts as any other region of England because the Arts Council has failed to disperse money evenly, according to a report published today. It also discloses that the National Lottery has worsened the disparity.

The *Cultural Trends* report from the independent Policy Studies Institute shows that arts funding bodies spend the equivalent of £39.57 per person on projects in London, while only £7.90 and £9.51 per person goes towards projects in the South East and eastern regions.

Sara Selwood, editor of *Cultural Trends*, said the study showed that the Arts Council, which gives 45 per cent of all its money to London projects, had failed to fulfil one of its purposes. "When the Arts Council was created in 1946 it was given the task of 'decentralising and dispersing' arts and culture in England. Today's research shows that the council's promise to increase arts provision in the regions has remained largely unfulfilled," she said.

Jude Kelly, chief executive of the West Yorkshire Playhouse and a member of the Arts Council's drama board, said: "There still seems to be this idea that people outside London, but particularly in the North of England, don't appreciate culture as much."

She said that the arts establishment in London helps each other to get funding. "I'm in London two days a week and I see how easy it is to move from a meeting to the theatre to a dinner party and wrap up a year's business."

The even distribution of funding has not been helped by the National Lottery. Some £18.28 per capita in Arts Council lottery grants goes to London, compared with £2.29 to the eastern region and £1.80 to Yorkshire and Humberside.

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TV Wuthering Heights forsakes Yorkshire moors

BY SIMON DE BRUXELLES

DEVOTEES of *Wuthering Heights* are irritated that a big-budget television version of Emily Brontë's novel is to be made in Somerset instead of the Yorkshire moors.

London Weekend Television has been unable to find a suitable location in Yorkshire and intends to make the drama on Exmoor. LWT is using a film location company in Bath to find an isolated "stern and moody" house with mulioned windows and a moorland setting to

match Emily's description of Wuthering Heights.

The romantic novelist Jilly Cooper, who was brought up in Yorkshire, said: "I think this is very stupid. Yorkshire has the most wonderful rugged countryside. The film-makers should go back to Haworth where the Brontës lived."

The moors above Haworth Parsonage in west Yorkshire where Emily Brontë loved to walk were the inspiration for her only novel, which was published in 1847, the year before her death at the age of 30.

Yesterday *The Times* disclosed that Yorkshire Water is to spend £20,000 to preserve the ruins of Top Withens, a moorland farm near Haworth which is believed to be a model for Wuthering Heights.

In the novel the house is the 16th-century home of a gentleman farmer, with thick walls to keep out the wind and "a quantity of grotesque carving" over the door. Locations for film versions have ranged from Haworth itself in a 1920 silent movie to the hills of California, where Laurence Olivier strode moodily as

Heathcliff in 1939. Dr Robert Barnard, chairman of the Brontë Society, says the film-makers could have found a site in Yorkshire without much trouble. "There are any number of semi-derelict farms near Haworth which they could have used. They are probably more worried about easy access for vehicles, but it seems a shame to me."

LWT was unapologetic yesterday. A spokesman said: "Filming is not due to start until September and the production has not yet been cast. The exterior landscape shots will almost certainly still be shot in Yorkshire itself."

"But we have not found suitable sites for *Wuthering Heights* or for the *Grange* (another house in the novel) and so the search has been extended south. We want it to look as authentic as possible but finding the ideal house is a matter of logistics and accessibility as well."

Meanwhile, the BBC has put its own production of *Wuthering Heights*, rumoured to star Colin Firth as Heathcliff, on hold to avoid a clash with LWT's version.

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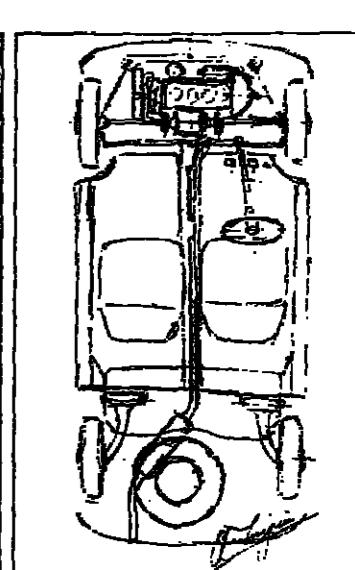
BMW approves new model of nation's most successful car
writes Kevin Eason

BRITISH workers were given the go-ahead yesterday to build a successor to the Mini, the nation's most successful car. The decision will mean hundreds of new jobs as investment worth more than £500 million is poured into Rover's Longbridge plant on the outskirts of Birmingham.

The 38-year-old model, which sparked a revolution in small car design, is long overdue for replacement. However, German executives at BMW, which now owns Rover, were worried by union unrest and the strength of the pound on currency markets, and considered plans to build the car in Germany or in a new factory in low-cost Spain or Italy.

It has already decided that 1.4-litre engines for the car will be built in South America in a joint venture with Chrysler of the United States. But a decision by unions this week to accept a three-year pay deal convinced BMW to allow Longbridge to keep production of its most revered car.

After a BMW board meeting in Munich, Walter Hasselkus, the



The car that started a revolution in design: the Longbridge production line in 1959, making the Austin Mini that became a Sixties icon, and an original Iggissons sketch of the Mini layout

Rover Group chairman, said: "There is no doubt that the acceptance by associates of the recently negotiated three-year pay deal, together with progress made with trade unions on changes to working practices, were significant factors influencing the decision."

Production will be more than 100,000 cars a year, five times current levels, when the car rolls off assembly lines, probably in 2000.

BMW's decision was greeted with relief in Longbridge, which employs 15,000 workers and also makes the Rover 200, 400 and

MGF models. The pay deal, worth 3.5 per cent a year, is in return for increased flexibility, which will mean workers switching to different jobs and even different plants. Rover refused to say how many extra workers would be needed.

The original Mini, launched at a

car in a box 10ft long. By turning the engine sideways and powering the front wheels, the Mini had a comparatively roomy passenger cabin. It also had style.

Launched with Austin and Morris badges — both companies were part of the British Motor Corpora-

tion — the car captured the popular imagination, and established its own film legend with the car chase in *The Italian Job*. It has been updated with better crash protection and cleaner engines, but the look of its successor has still to be revealed.

Woman 'in grip of husband' stole £420,000

By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

AN ACCOUNTS clerk who claimed she was acting under the overbearing influence of her husband stole more than £420,000 from her employers to help him to finance an "extravagant" life in America.

Nola Morton, 46, who admitted embezzeling the money over four years, had taken it under "threats and pressure" from her husband, from whom she is now estranged, a judge at Exeter Crown Court said yesterday. The judge was told that none of the £422,152 stolen by Mrs Morton has been recovered.

The money belonged to Centrax, an engineering firm in Newton Abbot, Devon, where Morton began working in 1990. She was sacked in October 1996 for being absent and within a month the fraud, which had cost the company between £4,000 and £5,000 a month, came to light. Lost interest on the money was put at £66,000.

William Hart, for Morton, said: "Her case is that she began to commit the offences and continued to do so under the influence of her then husband, and was particularly susceptible to his overbearing influence. She did it

initially on the basis that it was a one-off episode, taking £7,000 but it escalated to a staggering degree.

"There was the additional lever that if she did not continue he would expose her to her employers and the authorities and it was a job she loved. It is difficult to understand the sort of grip he had on her but he knew how to exploit her weaknesses. She kept no record of what she was embezzeling, she was genuinely shocked at the £1 million figure. Her own best guess was £200,000.

"It became a monthly habit. The figures got larger and were paid to her husband who led the most extravagant lifestyle. In 1994 he went back to America and is still out of jurisdiction. There is no real prospect of proceedings against him."

Mr Hart said Morton, who had no previous convictions, had given Centrax help in its efforts to gain compensation for its losses, and was full of remorse.

Mrs Morton admitted 15 charges of false accounting and asked for 51 others to be taken into consideration. She was jailed for four years.

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BY STEPHEN FARRELL

NAZI-hunters yesterday claimed that several names on the list of Swiss bank accounts holding assets of Holocaust victims matched details of German war criminals.

The Simon Wiesenthal Centre alerted the Swiss Bankers' Association after cross-referencing six of the 1,572 names against its files on 334 Nazi officials. One was said to be an aide to Adolf Eichmann, and another the wife of the Gestapo chief Ernst Kaltenbrunner.

The World Jewish Congress was also alarmed to see the name Dr Hans Wendland, which matches that of a known dealer in looted Nazi art who fenced stolen Old Master and Impressionist paintings worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The scanty details supplied by the banks make it impossible to identify individuals, and many of the spellings are different. However, Jewish groups yesterday demanded the Swiss verify whether the accounts, published in *The Times* on Wednesday, belonged to Nazis or their families. Eliahu Zuroff, director of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre office in Jerusalem, said: "We want the money seized and we want verification from the

Swiss. We do not want the assets going to these Nazis, we do not want them to benefit from their crimes."

The Swiss Bankers' Association last night said it knew of the potential Nazi accounts earlier this year. A spokesman said: "They are possible matches, although the spellings are slightly different in some cases. We are in contact with the federal authorities and we are in the process of elaborating how to proceed with these claims."

He confirmed that no one had touched any of the accounts since 1945.

Kalman Sultanik, vice-president of the World Jewish

Brazilians trace stolen wealth

Rio de Janeiro: A commission set up to investigate the transfer of stolen Jewish gold and assets to Brazil after the Second World War announced yesterday that it had found bank accounts containing \$20 million (£12 million), opened by fugitive Nazis (Gabriella Gammie writes). The money will be given to Holocaust survivors.



Hoffmann, left, a convicted profiteer and Jäger, an SS security chief. Photographs: Wiener Library

Council, said: "Documents in the US National Archives clearly show that looted assets and not just Holocaust victims' accounts were placed in Swiss financial institutions to take advantage of Swiss bank secrecy laws."

The six names are:

- Will Bauer, from Thüringen, Germany: Willy Bauer was an alias of Anton Burger, an aide to Eichmann and deputy commander of Theresienstadt concentration camp in Czechoslovakia. Burger, an Austrian-born SS captain who helped to deport 10,000 Greek Jews to death camps, is thought to have died at 79 in 1992 in Germany.
- Eder, Elise, Austria: Elisabeth Eder was the wife of Ernst Kaltenbrunner, an Austrian who succeeded Reinhard Heydrich as head of the Gestapo and Reich security. He commanded the concentration camp system and administrative apparatus for the "Final Solution". He was hanged at Nuremberg.
- Eser, Hermann, Munich: Hermann Eser, one of Hitler's earliest associates and propagandists became Vice-President of the Reichstag. He died aged 80, in 1981.
- Schmitz, H. Munich: Hermann Schmitz was Chairman of the Board of Directors of IG Farben, manufacturer of Zyklon B gas used in the death camps. He is also believed to have been a director of the Basle-based Bank of International Settlement (BIS), a key channel for Nazi gold.

□ Hoffmann, Heinrich Ernst Hoffmann was Hitler's court photographer and confidant who introduced the Führer to Eva Braun. His photographic collection made him wealthy but he was found guilty at Nuremberg of profiteering, jailed and his fortune was confiscated. He died in Munich in 1957.

□ Jäger, Karl: Swiss-born Jäger, was chief of the SS's Lithuanian security division, responsible for murdering Jews. He used a false name but was arrested in 1959. He committed suicide in his cell.



Katerina Yannakopoulou has been sought by police since Tuesday's shooting

Getaway car found in hunt for Greek prelate's killer

FROM JOHN CARR IN ATHENS

ATHENS police discovered yesterday the getaway car used by the woman sought after the killing of the Very Rev Archimandrite Anthimos Eleftheriades while he was on holiday here from London this week.

The car, a blue Suzuki Alto belonging to the suspect's brother-in-law, was found abandoned near Kallithea cemetery hours before the funeral of the 60-year-old prelate who had been shot on Tuesday morning outside the priest's house in Nea Smirni, near Athens. Katerina Yannakopoulou, 42, was seen driving off in the Suzuki after

the shooting. A search of Mrs Yannakopoulou's flat revealed a handwritten note over Father Anthimos's signature bequeathing her the equivalent of £41,000 from the proceeds of the sale of his Athens flat in the event of his death. The note indicated he owed her this sum for wooden icons.

Relatives of Mrs Yannakopoulou have been unable to throw any light on what the Greek media report rather liberally to have been a one-sided romantic obsession with the prelate. Orthodox church officials in Britain, however, said the victim had

been under "intense and constant" pressure from an unnamed woman. Father Anthimos had been serving at St Nicholas's Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Shepherds Bush, west London, for three years.

He was transferred after being removed from an Athens diocese for reasons which remain obscure.

Neighbours in the suburb of Kallithea described Mrs Yannakopoulou as "an eccentric" who dressed and behaved strangely. She was wearing black leather — odd attire at the height of a Greek summer — at the time of the shooting.

WORLD SUMMARY

Peacekeeper hurt in grenade attack

Sarajevo: A Dutch soldier was wounded by a grenade and a United Nations police vehicle destroyed by anti-tank missiles in two separate attacks in Serb-run parts of Bosnia. Nato sources said yesterday.

The Dutch soldier, whose condition is "stable", was helping to winch an armoured vehicle out of a ditch near the town of Kotor Varos when a grenade was thrown at his unit "by a couple of drunken civilians". Two men were captured, one of them by police. The same night, a UN International Police Task Force vehicle parked in the eastern town of Bratunac was destroyed by anti-tank missiles. Americans working in a house nearby heard two explosions. There were no casualties. (AP)

Krenz 'regrets' Wall deaths

Berlin: Egon Krenz, East Germany's last communist chief, who is on trial for the Cold War killings of people trying to flee to the West, broke his silence to express regret, but said he was not a killer. In his first testimony in more than 18 months in court, Herr Krenz, 60, blamed the "confrontation of the superpowers" for the deaths at the Berlin Wall. He said the East German leadership "was powerless to change this" and told how the Soviet Union tightly controlled East Germany. Herr Krenz had previously refused to testify because he considered the trial illegal. He said he changed his mind because the court had been told "so many falsehoods". (AP)

Eta march to go ahead

Bilbao: The government of Spain's Basque region has granted the Eta guerrilla group's political wing, Herri Batasuna, permission to hold a march in San Sebastian on Sunday, despite fears of violence. The rally is in response to last week's huge anti-Eta marches. "Eta assumes ... the consequences of the conflict, as crude and painful as they may be," the group said. A march planned for last Saturday was banned over concerns about a backlash after Eta's murder of Miguel Angel Blanco, a local councillor. (Reuters)

Albania curfew lifted

Tirana: Albania lifted a state of emergency and curfew that has been in force since March when armed protests broke out after the collapse of pyramid investment schemes. Parliament meanwhile, elected Rexhep Mejdani, 52, the Socialist Party secretary-general and a former professor of physics, as President to replace Sali Berisha, who resigned a day earlier after five years in power. (Reuters)

Magic suit priced at \$30m

Los Angeles: David Copperfield, right, the Las Vegas magician, is suing a French magazine for alleging that his long-standing relationship with the model Claudia Schiffer was a hollow sham designed to boost his German audiences (Giles Whittell writes). Best-known for variations on the theme of pulling rabbits out of hats, Mr Copperfield is hoping to extract \$30 million (£17.8 million) from *Paris Match* over its nine-page spread.



Lions kill pair near border

Johannesburg: Lions have eaten a Mozambican man and a woman who tried to cross South Africa through the Kruger National Park, rangers said. Torn and bloody clothes were found along with human bones. A third person escaped by climbing a tree, and the fate of a fourth is unknown. (Reuters)

EU specialist appointed Bonn envoy

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PAUL LEVER, the Foreign Office director for European Union affairs, is to be Britain's next Ambassador to Bonn.

The Government also officially confirmed that Christopher Meyer, the current Ambassador, will become Ambassador to Washington.

Mr Lever, a high-flyer, has held almost all the senior political posts in the Foreign Office. His appointment will go a long way to appeasing Germany, where the swift removal of Mr Meyer after less than a year in Bonn was seen as a clear indication that Britain still gave political priority to America over Germany. Mr Lever, 53, will take up his post at the end of the year. He presently heads both the

EU and economic affairs sections of the Foreign Office. In the early 1980s he was seconded to the European Commission. He had also served at Nato.

Mr Meyer, 53, arrived in Bonn only in March. He was John Major's former spokesman until 1996. Mr Meyer was the Prime Minister's personal choice for the Washington job after Tony Blair was impressed with his performance.

East Germans face chaos as river levels rise

BY DEBORAH COLLCUTT

PEOPLE in eastern Germany who are suffering the worst floods in Central Europe this century were braced for further chaos last night as flood defences holding back the River Oder threatened to burst, adding to the destruction.

After the collapse in two places yesterday of the 100-mile Oder dyke, water has raged north and south of Frankfurt an der Oder, the largest town on the German-Polish border. By yesterday afternoon, low-lying villages and surrounding hamlets in a 30-mile radius of Frankfurt were flooded, residents and livestock having already left.

One area in danger is Oderbruch, home to 19,000 people, where the rivers Oder and Neisse meet and swirling currents are battering dykes and makeshift defences.

The Oder's burst dykes gave way despite being supported by millions of sandbags, now sodden after being in place for nearly a week. Authorities moved 2,300 people out of Brandenburg yesterday and it is unlikely that they will be allowed to return before the weekend, by which time meteorologists predict 15,000 acres of land could be under water.

Many people in the area refused to leave for fear of homes being looted and had to be removed forcibly by police. Manfred Stolpe, the state premier, has appealed for homeowners and volunteers to back the army and firefighters in their battle against "a flood disaster of

unprecedented proportions". But the interior ministry in Potsdam was quick to deter additional helpers from turning up, having enough problems co-ordinating a 14,000-strong team.

The Defence Ministry

yesterday sent a further 1,000

soldiers, bringing the total on duty to 8,300 — its biggest non-military manoeuvre since flooding in Hamburg in 1962 — in addition to the fire brigade, police, border police, and technical helpers.

Weeks of rain have raised

the Oder to record levels but the dyke on the German side has withstood enormous pressure, despite a few breaches.

The flooding has cost 128

lives in Poland and the Czech Republic and devastated large areas of farmland and countless towns and villages in both countries. At midday yesterday, Czechs held a minute's silence to commemorate victims of the disaster. Streets and church bells rang out throughout the country as cars paused and people stopped work.

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Disillusioned France to sound the retreat from troubled Africa

FROM BEN MACINTYRE
IN PARIS

FRANCE will pull its troops out of the Central African Republic and reduce its military presence across Africa, according to news reports yesterday.

French military bases at Bangui, the republic's capital, and Boura in the interior will be closed, *Liberation* newspaper reported. The number of troops stationed in Djibouti, Chad, Senegal and Ga-

bon will also be scaled back. The Central African Republic base has been a springboard for dozens of French military interventions over the past 30 years, and the withdrawals are seen as a sign that the French philosophy of direct military involvement in Africa is waning rapidly.

The Central African Republic has been convulsed by a series of attempted coups and army rebellions over the past year, and rebel army units now control parts of the

north and east of the country. The planned closure of the two bases also reflects French disillusionment with the regime of President Patasse, who was elected in 1993.

Alain Richard, the French Defence Minister, is expected to inform President Patasse of the planned withdrawal during a visit to Africa next week. No timetable has been set for what *Liberation* called "the retreat from Bangui", but sources at the French Defence Ministry say soldiers are likely to

start pulling out within months. Lionel Jospin, the Prime Minister, has indicated that the Government intends to launch a process of "disengagement" from Africa by "reorganising" France's military presence. So far Mr Jospin has provided no details other than a promise to cut defence spending by FFr2 billion (£193 million) this year.

In the post-colonial era France has consistently used its military muscle to prop up African regimes in order to maintain French politi-

cal and economic influence in its former colonies. Nowhere was this truer than in Bangui where France backed the odious dictatorship of "Emperor" Jean-Bedel Bokassa for 13 years until he was ousted in a Paris-backed coup.

Diplomatic sources in Paris say that for some years France has been edging towards a more "realistic" Africa policy, but the momentum for disengagement has been accelerated by three principal factors: the increasing expense of

maintaining French forces across Africa, the fall of President Mobutu in the former Zaire and the death earlier this year of Jacques Foccart, the veteran presidential adviser and the prime architect of France's interventionist approach to Africa.

Djibouti, France's largest African military base, is expected to have troop levels cut from 3,250 to 2,800 men, according to *Liberation*. One third of the 840 troops in Chad will be sent home, the Senegal base will lose 200 of its 1,200 men and

the garrison at Gabon will also be reduced — to about 550 soldiers.

□ Youth plan axed: A much-criticised plan to replace French national service with a compulsory five-day period during which young people would have been lectured on military life and assessed for a career in the forces was scrapped yesterday. Instead, it is proposed, youths of both sexes should be required to attend a day of lectures on defence matters before their 18th birthday.

ANC members killed in wake of by-election

FROM R. W. JOHNSON IN DURBAN

FIVE people, including two recently elected African National Congress (ANC) town councillors, have been shot dead in South Africa's KwaZulu-Natal province.

The bodies were found by police near Richmond in the centre of the province, where a by-election was held on Sunday. They had been shot in the head. Andrew Ragwatalo, the ANC mayor, told a local radio station that the killings had been execution-style.

The ANC has accused the police of complicity in the murders. The Government, which has flooded the area with police and troops, has also tried to throw blame for the murders on to the security forces. Even so, the massacre seems more likely to have stemmed from the ANC camp.

The ANC historically dominated the Richmond area under Harry Gwala, a notorious warlord and self-proclaimed Stalinist who was frank about his need to kill local enemies and rivals. By the time of his death last year from natural causes, he had been suspended from membership of the Communist Party on charges of attempting to murder ANC rivals.

His successor, Sifiso Nkabinde, quickly developed a similar reputation, and earlier this year was involved in a shooting.

The ANC expelled him several months ago, claiming it had evidence that he acted as a police spy under the apartheid regime. Since then the area has been bitterly divided between ANC loyalists and Mr Nkabinde's breakaway group.

Considerable mystery surrounds the ANC's motives in expelling Mr Nkabinde, who was well entrenched as Richmond's first ANC mayor as well as a member of the provincial legislature. It is well known that a large number of top-ranking ANC activists, including several members of the current Cabinet, acted as security police agents. But the party has gone to great lengths to suppress information relating to such cases and has made a singular example of him.

Mr Nkabinde, who denies the allegations, has been expelled from his public offices by the ANC. He has suffered a nervous collapse, and has now linked up with a new political movement launched by Bantu Holomisa, a high-ranking defector from the ANC, and Roelof Meyer, a disgruntled National Party member.

To show solidarity with Mr Nkabinde, five rebel ANC councillors at Richmond resigned. Another who refused to do so was assassinated, and by-elections to fill the vacant seats were riven by such fear and intimidation that the ANC had difficulty mustering enough candidates to oppose Mr Nkabinde's. Richmond is a no-go area for Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi's Inkatha Freedom Party, which accordingly did not field candidates.

The ANC won the by-elections comfortably, but the immediate execution of two of the councillors, plus family members, has emphasised the difficulties of introducing electoral politics.

Mr Nkabinde has denied involvement in the killings, though Mr Meyer and Mr Holomisa are clearly embarrassed, and have denounced them. Interestingly, the ANC has not pointed the finger at Mr Nkabinde.

Dumisane Makhaye, the local ANC spokesman, blames the murders on a sinister apartheid regime "third force" that still controls the police and security forces. Most observers hint at local feuds and Boss-dominated rackets within the ANC.



The *ER* cast, who won most nominations. Clockwise from bottom right: George Clooney, Anthony Edwards, Eriq LaSalle, Noah Wyle and Sherry Stringfield

British actors join 'ER' in race for TV awards

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THREE top British actors and a frenzied American casualty department emerged as favourites of the US television industry as this year's Emmy nominations were announced yesterday with *ER*, starring George Clooney, at the head of the field.

Helen Mirren, Michael Caine and Dame Diana Rigg were nominated for roles in *Prime Suspect 5*, *Mandela and De Klerk* and *Rebecca* respectively, but *ER* led the overall nominations table for the third year in a row, shortlisted in 22 categories.

Other American series popular in Britain that won multiple nominations include *The X-Files*, with 12, *NYPD Blue* (11), *Frasier* (9) and *Seinfeld* (9).

Friends, the modish sitcom featuring six bright young things in neighbouring New York flats, scored badly despite solid ratings and a flurry of leading film roles for cast members such as Jennifer Aniston. Its only nomination went to Lisa Kudrow in the Best Supporting Actress category.

Anthony Edwards, who plays one of *ER*'s two busiest doctors, was nominated as Best Actor in a drama. Other contenders include David Duchovny of *The X-Files* and Dennis Franz and Jimmy Smits of *NYPD Blue*.

The contenders for Best Actress in a drama series

include Gillian Anderson of *The X-Files* and Julianne Margulies, who plays a strong-willed nurse in *ER*. Ellen DeGeneres, whose "coming out" as a lesbian on screen and in real life filled acres of American newsprint earlier this year, was nominated as Best Actress in a comedy series for her work in *Ellen*.

Mirren, the classically trained British actress, has become a regular favourite of the American Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in the mini-series category for her recurring *Prime Suspect* role as a hard-bitten detective.

Caine was nominated for a supporting role as the former South African President FW de Klerk in an American-funded mini-series about the last days of apartheid. Nelson Mandela was played by Sidney Poitier, who also won a nomination. The winners will be announced on September 14 in Pasadena, California.

□ New York: The Walt Disney Company received a dressing-down from a conservative women's group over the length of the skirt worn by *Pocahontas*, the animated American Indian girl featured last year in the film of the same name (Tunku Varadarajan writes). The Concerned Women for America censured the company for the "shortness" of her skirt. It said: "What message are they sending our little girls?"

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'Monument of shame' to mark US execution

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE Italian Air Force was preparing to fly the body of Joseph O'Dell from America to Sicily yesterday after a last-minute intervention by the Pope and the Rome Government failed to halt his execution on Virginia's death row.

O'Dell, convicted of the murder of Helen Scharmer, 44, a secretary from Virginia Beach who was abducted, beaten, sodomised and strangled in 1985, maintained his innocence to the last. He refused a final meal.

His case, one of the most contentious in the state's history, caused a sensation in Italy where the Vatican, the Prime Minister and senior parliamentarians, all called for mercy. O'Dell, 55, had been made an honorary citizen of Palermo, where the local authorities said he will be buried in a monument bearing the name of George Allen, the Virginia Governor who ignored all pleas for clemency.

In the moments before receiving a lethal cocktail of drugs at the Greenville Correctional Centre at Jarrett at 2.10am British time yesterday, O'Dell directed a final terse statement at Mr Allen.

"Governor Allen, you're killing an innocent man," said O'Dell before addressing his victim's son. "Eddie," he said, "I'm sorry your mother is dead, but I didn't kill her... Some day you'll find that out."

His closing words were reserved for Lori Urs, 41, the law student he married in a short prison ceremony hours

before the execution and who spent four years in a tireless campaign for the sentence to be commuted. "To my wife, Lori, I love you for all eternity. I love you. That's it," he said. His wife did not attend the execution, but O'Dell was accompanied by his spiritual adviser, Sister Helen Prejean, a leading death penalty abolitionist and author of *Dead Man Walking*, the best-selling book made into a film.

"Christ is with you. Christ is always with you," she said, placing her hands over O'Dell's chest.

The Supreme Court rejected a last appeal by defence lawyers for a new set of DNA tests in the case. Supporters of O'Dell argued for years that the tests made on his jacket did not conclusively prove the

clothing contained Scharmer's blood — a key factor in his conviction. But Mr Allen, in a statement released shortly before the execution, said he had reviewed all the evidence and found no legitimate reason for intervention.

He said O'Dell was at the same bar as his victim and had appeared at a local shop two hours later with blood on various parts of his body and clothing. O'Dell had lied to his girlfriend about the origin of the blood. Wounds on Scharmer's head were consistent with the weight and shape of a gun owned by O'Dell, said Mr Allen.

"Some will say the action the Commonwealth of Virginia has taken is about vengeance," he said. "They are wrong. It was about justice and accountability."

The execution, which provoked a vigil outside the prison from O'Dell's loyalists and Amnesty International activists as well as an early morning wake in Rome's Campo dei Fiori, brought to 41 the total of those executed in Virginia since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 — second only to Texas, with 131.

Mrs O'Dell, who is considering a book and has a Hollywood film offer, said she would fly to Sicily with her husband's body. "Joseph would be a monument in the city of Palermo and a complete embarrassment to the state of Virginia," she said. "And Governor Allen's name will be on that monument."



O'Dell: "I'm sorry, but I didn't kill her"



Death penalty opponents at a candlelit vigil outside the Greenville Correctional Centre in Virginia, protest against O'Dell's execution

Italy mourns 'innocent' adopted son

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN ROME

JOSEPH O'DELL met his death accompanied by an unprecedented mobilisation of public opinion in Italy, where prayer meetings and protest rallies were held as his execution approached.

In Palermo, where Leoluca Orlando, the Mayor, had awarded him honorary citizenship, flags flew at half-mast yesterday. Signor Orlando was one of many Italian leaders, including President Scalfaro and Romano Prodi, the Prime Minister, who lent support to a campaign to secure a reprieve for the man convicted of rape and murder.

The Palermo citizen Joseph O'Dell has been killed as an innocent man in a barbarous punishment unworthy of a civilised country," Signor Orlando said. "I feel such pain and rage and I will do everything I can so that O'Dell's last wish — to be buried in Palermo — can be respected."

The Mayor had travelled to Virginia to intercede in person with George Allen, the State Governor.

O'Dell's execution received extensive and emotional coverage in the Italian press, with most newspapers leading their front pages with the news that he had been put to death. Italian indignation

was aroused by press reports that new DNA tests would prove O'Dell not guilty. The perception that an innocent man was being denied justice turned him from just another death-row inmate into a symbol.

An opinion poll published

on the eve of the execution showed that 94.5 per cent of Italians were aware of O'Dell's case. Of those questioned, 62.8 per cent disapproved of the execution.

Italian distaste for the death penalty is partly the result of the strong influence of the Roman Catholic Church. The Pope wrote to Governor Allen and President Clinton in December.

President Scalfaro, a staunch Catholic, chose to raise the question of the abolition of the death penalty in the shadow of a statue of where Giordano Bruno, a heretical theologian who was burnt at the stake in 1600.

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Supreme Court's champion of liberal causes dies aged 91

FROM BRONWEN MADDOX
IN WASHINGTON

WILLIAM BRENNAN, a former US Supreme Court Justice and leading liberal who was a figurehead of the drive to extend individual rights, died yesterday aged 91. Brennan, a charismatic figure in liberal intellectual circles, retired from the court in 1990 after 34 years. During his tenure, which

spanned eight presidents, he was the author of a long list of landmark rulings on free speech, freedom of the press, abortion, and the banning of prayers from public schools. In the history of America's highest court, only the late William Douglas beat Brennan's record of 1,200 opinions.

Law professors and judges across the country yesterday paid tribute to Brennan's role as the

architect of the individual rights movement which characterised key Supreme Court decisions throughout the 1960s and 1970s. "The outstanding justice of our century," John Gibbons, a leading law professor at Seton Hall, called him.

Referring to the 1960s court headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren, Mark Tushnet, a Georgetown University law professor, said: "People call it the Warren court,

but in many ways it was the Brennan court."

In marked contrast to the current conservative tone of US politics and the judiciary, Brennan is remembered as one of the last of the great liberals. He opposed the death penalty under all circumstances, and caused particular controversy by his support for bussing children from poor areas to affluent neighbourhood schools — a flashpoint in

the early 1970s. He was also a consistent supporter of prisoners and other forgotten groups and a fervent supporter of affirmative action to compensate racial minorities and women for discrimination.

In a 1987 speech, he robustly defended modern interpretations of the Constitution, arguing: "One thing the old parchment is not is a china doll that has to be protected

from the regular world by a good layer of cotton wool. It's a tough old soldier that's collected quite a few respectable dents in the line of duty."

Born in Newark, New Jersey, on April 25, 1906, he was the second eldest of eight children of an Irish immigrant who worked as a labourer but rose to become a labour leader and the City Commissioner of public safety.

Brennan: great liberal

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Bloody trail of the great pretender

Tom Rhodes uncovers the dark side of a flamboyant killer who craved attention

IN LIFE, as in death, Andrew Cunanan, 27, had remained an enigma, at once a party animal with kinky tastes and a desperate killer capable of nonchalantly placing a gun to the back of Gianni Versace's head before delivering a Mafia-style coup de grâce.

He was a great pretender who would brag about his breeding, his education and employment and yet he could live unnoticed in communities, barely speaking to anyone other than his victims.

It will never be known whether, as many suspect, he had started his mission after hearing he had contracted HIV, or whether the first killings were just a preamble for the stalking and final murder of Versace, whose designer underwear he regularly wore and who may have met him at the San Francisco Opera in 1990.

He was said to have been obsessed by the Italian designer, dropping his name regu-

larly, and probably viewed his death as the most satisfying end to his own life.

An appetite for attention had driven him to the nexus where Hollywood and high fashion meet to Versace, the openly homosexual gay prince of South Beach.

Friends in San Diego remembered the claims that he was the scion of a Filipino plantation owner when in fact his father was an out-of-work stockbroker. When he moved to Miami, perhaps as much as two months before murdering Versace, he had stayed in a \$36 (£21) a night room at the Normandy Plaza Hotel in the far-from-chic northern beach.

But at night he would cruise the trendy gay bars of South Beach, returning to the community that he knew best. His public manner was fun-loving and generous. In private, he would pursue the dark fantasies of a sadomasochistic culture involving leather, straps and latex masks.

Killer called the shots in botched hunt

BY TOM RHODES

THE FBI and Miami police department made no mention yesterday that for months the serial killer who murdered Gianni Versace had been hiding under their noses. It was an investigation that had all the trappings of an Inspector Clouseau film.

Nicole Ramirez-Murray, a former friend of Cunanan, lambasted the FBI last night. "They handled it like the Keystone Cops," he said. "I think they bungled this right from the start. I don't think they took it seriously until there was a label, until there was an international name."

The killer had been on the FBI's most wanted list since early last month, by which time he had been seen several times in Florida. Cunanan had even pawned a gold coin, stolen from one of his victims, at a nearby shop and given his true name and address at the Normandy Plaza Hotel. The receipt, as is customary under Florida law, had been sent to the local police department where it had never been examined. That was five days before Gianni Versace's death.

When authorities did discover Cunanan's whereabouts, he was long gone and his hotel room was being searched, not by police, but by a shrewd local television crew. He had left myriad clues throughout Miami Beach, including his passport and chequebook sitting in a red



An FBI handout shows the various guises adopted by Andrew Cunanan, who killed in Minnesota, Chicago, New Jersey and Miami

The attention craved by his lighter side appears to have been matched by the killing that sated the darkest depths of his character.

He had flaunted his extrovert traits ever since appearing in a red leather jumpsuit at a high school dance in La Jolla, California, where he was said to be an exceptional student. But police who pursued him from Minnesota to Chicago and finally Miami swiftly found evidence of the other Cunanan: the S&M videos under beds, the transvestite wardrobe and leather thong. As a teenager, his friends claimed, he had been a "flaming" homosexual. As a

grown-up his tastes developed dramatically.

Cunanan's mother claims her son had read the Bible by the time he was six, but the most powerful inspiration appears to have been his father, Modesto, a former Navy man who as a stockbroker was accused of defrauding his clients and left his wife and children in penury in 1980.

The son had followed his father to the Philippines at 19 only to return soon afterwards, appalled by the squalor in which he lived.

When Cunanan emerged on the gay scene in San Francisco and San Diego in the late 1980s, he did not go by his

given name, but styled himself as Andrew da Silva, a Hollywood chief executive with a mansion on the Riviera. Sometimes he would introduce himself as Lieutenant-Commander Cummings, a Yale-educated importer of antiques who wore blazers and smoked Cuban cigars.

He would seduce older men, flattery them with his knowledge of the arts and offering them companionship rather than his sexual services. In turn they would bestow lavish gifts of jewellery and even cars on him.

The lifestyle had ended last year when the money dried up. Cunanan was tired and

despondent when he told colleagues in San Diego he had found the perfect relationship in Minnesota. The man in question was David Madson, an architect who collected Cunanan at the airport in Minneapolis. Two nights later Cunanan invited Jeffrey Trail, a former Navy lieutenant and mutual friend, to dinner. Two days afterwards, police discovered Trail's body savagely beaten with a claw hammer and wrapped in a carpet. When Madson and Cunanan drove four days later to a lake north of the city, the killer used Trail's .40 calibre pistol to shoot the architect in the back of the head. As his

craving and fear increased, Cunanan fled to Chicago where, trawling through the gay bars of the North Side, he discovered Lee Miglin, 72, a wealthy developer. Miglin was later found in his garage, his head wrapped in masking tape and his body riddled with shallow wounds from a gardening tool.

After shaving and eating half a ham sandwich, he drove east in Miglin's Lexus, abandoning the car at a lonely Civil War cemetery in New Jersey. The caretaker, William Reese, was swiftly dispatched and his red Chevrolet stolen for the next leg of the journey to Miami.

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A helicopter hovers over the houseboat where Andrew Cunanan was later found. Right, heavily armed police move in after firing tear gas



Shadow of fear is lifted from gay revellers

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

RELIEF swept through New York's homosexual community yesterday as toasts were drunk to the FBI, the late Gianni Versace and the dawn of the "post-Cunanan" era.

All-male bars in trendy Chelsea and Greenwich Village, as well as the more louche Eighth Avenue, were brimming with revellers eager to put the fears of a fortnight behind them.

"Man, he was a nightmare, and I like my dreams sweet," said Serge Grubb, a leather-clad drinker at Julius, the city's best known gay rendezvous.

"For days the thought of Cunanan kept us awake, I swear. Now, it's as if nothing happened."

Others took a less insouciant approach. Dominic Street, who was "passing through" New York, said:

"As a tribe, we gays are a lot calmer now. I'm glad he's gone, but the scar he left runs deep. It will be hard to trust someone you meet casually as completely as we used to."

At the Bridge and Tunnel, another tavern catering for

homosexuals, "high five" handshakes were exchanged by men to whom the gesture clearly did not come naturally. The elation was clear, even if it was awkwardly expressed.

A customer said: "This is a day of celebration for us, like it was in Czechoslovakia when the plasmist wall thing happened. I was in Prague then and I'm in New York now."

This led to a clinking of glasses all round. "I'll drink to that," another enthused.

Bar owners, too, were celebrating — sales were high, with a number of men ordering rounds of champagne and cocktails, and attendance almost back to "pre-Cunanan" levels.

While he was still at large, many men had ceased their customary excursions at night, staying at home instead to brood and worry.

New York police, who had doubled their presence in gay areas during the manhunt, said yesterday: "It's back to normal now."

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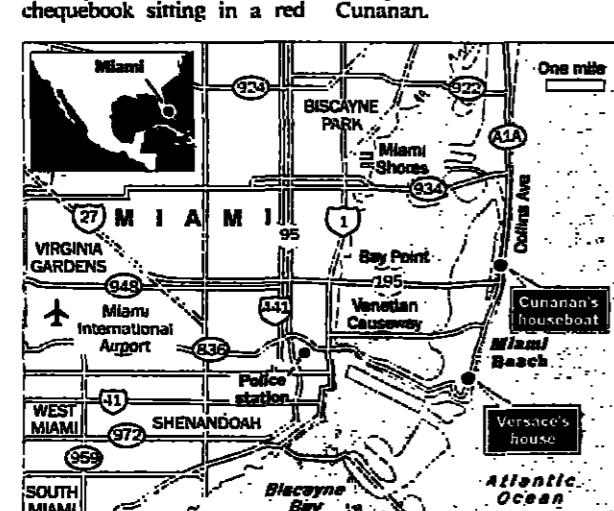
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Cunanan's body is wheeled away on a trolley

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German police say boat owner is wanted

FROM DEBORAH COLLCUTT
IN FRANKFURT

THE owner of the Miami houseboat in which Andrew Cunanan, the alleged killer of Gianni Versace, shot himself, may be wanted by German police.

They issued an arrest warrant for Thorsten Reineck, a Hamburg businessman, four years ago after he disappeared when suspected of fraud and tax evasion, according to a prosecutor in the eastern city of Leipzig.

The houseboat's owner has the same name and police here believe he could be their man.

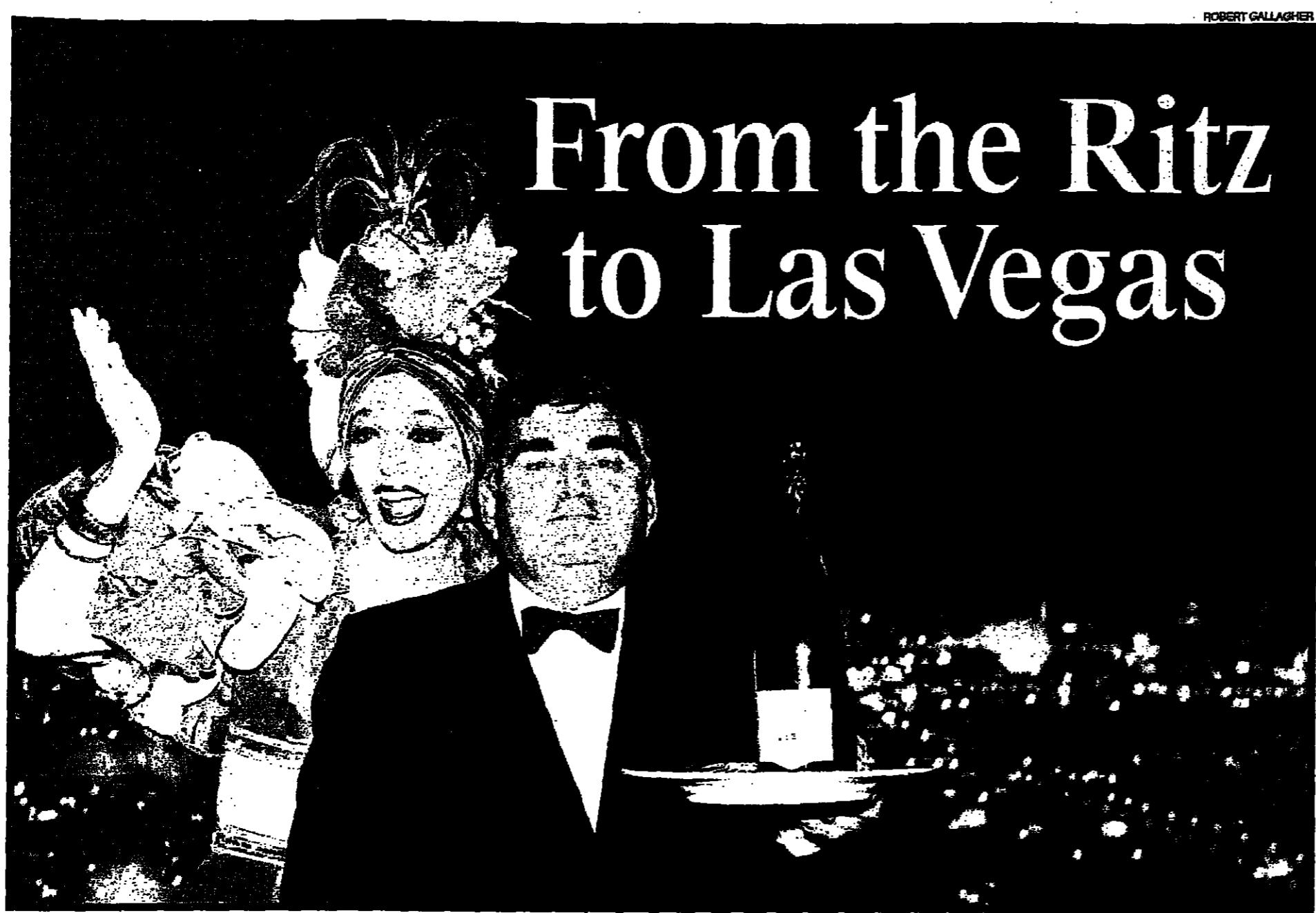
A Leipzig police spokesman said Herr Reineck, 49, ran two businesses there, dealing in marketing and real estate. Asked if police believe the boat owner was the same man they are hunting, he said, "It's speculative, but we assume so. It would fit."

Norbert Rüger, the senior state prosecutor in Leipzig, said Herr Reineck had been under investigation for fraud since 1992. BKA, the central Criminal Investigation Bureau in Germany that distributes international arrest warrants, confirmed he was being sought over fraud and tax evasion.

Records show that Herr Reineck owns the houseboat but by the time Cunanan entered it on Wednesday it had been vacant for some months.

The Clark County Licensing Bureau in Nevada listed Herr Reineck as a Miami Beach resident. He is also said to own the Apollo Spa, a gay health club in Las Vegas.

From the Ritz to Las Vegas



Barrie Larvin, with Rio Rita: "We are very serious about wine — but we like to have fun as well. There's still too much snobbery. Wine is a product of the earth made for us to enjoy."

Mixing showbiz with claret, Master Sommelier Barrie Larvin is bringing fine wine to America's high rollers. Barry Wigmore reports

faction as a groaning trolley trundles by.

In an incongruous mix of the grand, the gaudy and the gauche, Larvin is the man from the Ritz who gave a wine lecture at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas... and hit the jackpot.

The head-hunted president of Britain's Court of Master Sommeliers has moved lock, stock and silver tasting cup to the Rio, the newest hotel and money-making machine carved out of the Nevada desert.

No wine connoisseur has been given a more delightful, or more onerous, task than he to spend £4 million building the finest cellar money can buy.

The Rio's owner, Anthony

A. Marnell II, had spent his career building Las Vegas hotels for others when, seven years ago, he decided to become an hotelier himself. Two extensions, 2,508 rooms, 14 restaurants and 16 bars later, he is repositioning the Rio in the marketplace.

He has spent £125 million on the hotel's latest extension, which includes a vast cellar, with wine shop and five-star restaurant serving 240 wines by-the-glass. Larvin, armed with a blank cheque, is Marnell's not-so-secret weapon. He has taken to the task like, well, a master sommelier's son, started his career as a 16-

minutes it was a done deal. That was it. I phoned Jean, my wife, in London and asked what she thought about moving to Las Vegas. She said, "Las Vegas — fine." So here we are."

In six months the Rio's wine sales have soared from 200 to 2,000 bottles a day. They are still rising. "The amazing thing is that high-end wines sell like candy," he says. "Every weekend we sell \$70,000 in high-end wine, so

Larvin, a London postman's son, started his career as a 16-

wine what the Getty museum is to fine art?

"Not yet, no. We drive a hard bargain. We walk away if prices are ridiculous. Also, in museums you get a product and you hold it. At the Rio, we get a product and we pour it. There's still too much snobbery around wine, particularly at the top end. Wine is a product from the earth made for us to enjoy."

Last month Larvin invested £240,000 of his bonanza buying champagnes, clarets and dessert wines at the auction of Lord Lloyd-Webber's cellar. He already had £156,000 worth of rare burgundies, and 135 years of the legendary Château d'Yquem valued at £1,250,000.

The vintage Château d'Yquem stretches in an unbroken chain from 1855 to 1990, racked along 30ft of shelf at shoulder height. "I am waiting for that Yquem to go," says Larvin. "Everything is for pouring. There will be one crazy day down here when we open one of these cabinets, take one of the Yquems and pour."

"In fact," he licks his lips, "maybe that's today. In fact..."

"Nooo," says a colleague. But Larvin is leaping to his feet, pulling out keys. He unlocks a cabinet, lifts a dark bottle. "This is a '21 Yquem, right? Price at auction, \$7,000 to \$9,000 a bottle."

Glasses are assembled. Corkscrew emerges from a pocket. The seal is cut. The cork slides. Rich amber pours. Larvin's nose dives into the glass. Reverential sips. It is smooth and sweet, tasting of sherry... madeira... marmalade... with a long aftertaste.

"When I drink a wine like this, I wonder what's this bottle gone through? The grapes were picked just after the First World War. While it has been resting we've developed cars, Concorde, space travel. There's been another world war."

"It's doing nothing for the wine if all you do is put it in a case and hold it for 20 years then sell it on. I just want people to enjoy it."

He calls an assistant, hands him the rest of the 21 Yquem. "Be very careful with it, boys. Look at the colour. This is the 21 Yquem from the collection. We'll sell it for fifty bucks a glass, right? That's right, yes sir. Put something up on a board. And call Rio Rita. Get her to announce it."

The punters vote for Lady Luck

Eve-Ann Prentice on the winner of the betting shop stakes

Ellen Killen is Lady Luck. She is in charge as the men and women of Glasgow spin dreams and pin hopes on the look of a horse or greyhound, or the drop of a lottery ball.

Ms Killen's room is full of men with lined faces and gnarled hands. Most are unemployed, one or two gnaw nicotine-stained fingers as they watch the images on high-tech screens. Most talk in hushed tones, as if they are in church. Nearly all of them regard this room as home from home, better than home for some, and Ms Killen is their friend, mentor, and sometimes tormentor.

They reckon they are performing a social service for the mostly unemployed daytime clients. Many men spend all day in Ms Killen's shop, spending just £2.

"It gives them a chance to get dressed up and have a conversation. It stops them going mad," she says. The women are training a man to become a Ladbrokes manager and what drives them mad is when customers who do not know better assume that he is in charge.

But the women have their laughs, too. There are the crazy bets, such as wagers on proof of the existence of the Loch Ness monster, or whether an alien will be discovered in New York by the year 2000. A few years



Ellen Killen won award

ago. Elvis Presley sightings were all the rage. We put an Elvis graphic on our screens," Ms Killen says.

Then there was the day a punter came in with £15,000 stuffed in a duffle bag. "I knew the man; he came in early so, I would have time to count it all before the race," she says.

"It was a sure fire bet, a favourite — and he didn't win. He wasn't upset, though, because he knew what he was doing."

"I have never seen a woman put on big bets, except for other people. You can tell it's for other people because they are so unconcerned, whereas if it was her money..."

But surely some people become upset when they lose? "Men can get over-emotional sometimes, it's a communication problem," she says. "I don't read."

On the floor of the betting shop, the men are supremely polite and full of praise for the women who oversee their lives. Ms Killen, 38 and herself a betting shop owner every day since her left school. There's nothing else to do," she says. "If you're lucky, you win now and again. I have won a lottery, lost a lot, usually on the dogs. There's too many twisters on the horses."

Meanwhile, Ms Killen Bookmaker of the Year, takes another meagre bet. "Gambling is an honourable thing," she says. "It's an understanding between the customer and the bookmaker. We all know the rules."

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Larvin known as the Sid Vicious of the wine world

year-old trainee-manager at the Dorchester in 1963. His father, now 79, told him: "I'll give you a week. You're too bloody clumsy to be a waiter."

He taught himself about wines by studying in London libraries. "I don't think my dad ever drank a glass of wine in his life," he says.

As president of Britain's Court of Master Sommeliers, he has been lecturing in America since 1984. He was staying at the Rio last year after flying in from Atlanta with his 22-year-old son, Tony.

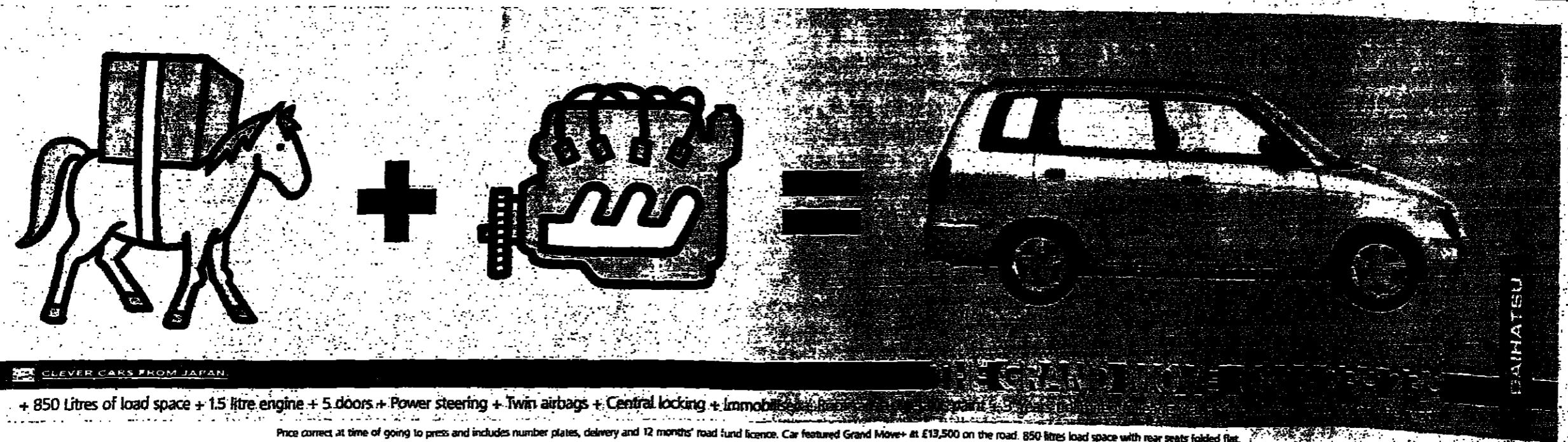
Someone told Tony they were looking for a wine guy. He said: "There's only one person who can do that — my dad. I saw them and in 90

months we have a quarter of a million dollars if we want to use it.

"Auctioneers invite us to wine sales. The word goes round, 'The Rio's in.' We move the market. We have changed the whole wine scene. We are the Sid Vicious of the wine world. But we also have the best-trained staff in the world."

Better than the Ritz? "Oh yes, that's a baby place, a 230-bedroom, one-restaurant hotel. Last January 640 people were trained by my kids in wine service and knowledge."

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Paddy and Tony bury the hatchet

The Lib-Lab rapprochement hangs on PR, says John Lloyd

The Liberals have long seen themselves as the civilisers of the Labour movement, and do so still. Gladstone sought to enrol the newly enfranchised working class into his crusade to assist the wretched of the earth. Now Paddy Ashdown seeks to rub away at the Prime Minister's agnosticism over proportional representation.

There is, however, much more at stake than leading the ignorant to the light, which is why Mr Ashdown and his senior colleagues are willing to countenance walking into the flytrap which their participation in the Cabinet policy sub-committee could become.

The prize is proportional representation. That is a prize so precious — capable of transmuting the base metal of Liberal parliamentary representation into the gold of the three-figure cohort in Westminster to which their national vote would proportionately entitle them — that it is worth a larger risk than that which they now run.

Tony Blair and Paddy Ashdown like each other very much, and are happy, even anxious, to show it. Those attending D-Day ceremonies at Westminster shortly after

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is, rather, a series of social and economic interests of varying powers which the political and business elites seek to mobilise and reshape to their designs. In such a world, the classic response to the canveraser that "we've always been Labour/Conservative/Liberal here" makes no sense. In such a world, where choice is a daily necessity, the restriction of political choice to vast portmanteau parties based on decaying classes is absurd. But it is harder to slough off the old system than it is to rid oneself of the troublesome union barons.

Present voting arrangements give British political power its freedom. It relieves ministers from the continual grind of getting policies agreed in committees with micro-parties which have been given a grasp of the major party's windpipe by commanding a few percentage points of the vote. It would be folly to ditch it, especially when it had just produced such a liberating majority.

Yet Mr Blair may do it. He has shown that his passion is for modernity. First-past-the-post is a grand old British piece of traditional flummery which underpins the elected dictatorship and gives an illusion of strength to political leaders who must be reminded of the fragility of their tenure. It is worth the risk of incorporation to have a chance to snatch that prize. Mr Ashdown is right. We should hope his famously grumpy party supports him.

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Is Dearing the end of Oxford?
Michael Beloff QC
defends the idea of an elite university

What would Oxford want in the best of all possible worlds? It would want excellence of achievement, equality of opportunity, and a distribution of public moneys to reinforce its eminence across a range of research. It is by these ideals that we, no longer dreaming of Dearing among the spires but confronted with the real thing, will judge the Government's reaction to the massive report.

Dearing emerges at a time of year when Oxford colleges are undergraduate-free zones. They have been let for the vacation to the conference and tourist trade while the students are out in the workplace. The centrepiece of Dearing — annual tuition fees of £1,000 — may have been stigmatised as a breach of the principle of free higher education, but it only makes explicit the continuing erosion of student grants. Every week spent as a part-time sales assistant at some local supermarket (to pay in turn for interrailing in Eastern Europe), is a week lost to the student's academic preparation or revision.

There is nothing intrinsically offensive in the idea that students, whose degrees are passports to prosperity, should pay for the privilege. But any increase in cost to the student will inhibit applications from prospective entrants of low and middle-income earning parents; the proposed threshold for free tuition is set very low. We spend more time on my governing body discussing ways of widening our catchment area than on any other topic. Dearing's proposals will not help us — rather the reverse. Debt deters; for that reason alone, a graduate box would have been a better option.

Unless there is a wholesale change in attitude so that the potential student (and his parents) will think the product worth buying, then Oxford risks becoming once again a redoubt of the rich. This risk is increased by the Government's recent decision to cut Oxford's grant increase to 1 per cent with its inevitable knock-on effect on student rents and allied charges. The Secretary of State's proposal for a supplementary hardship plan of £250 per year to those who need it does not substantially add to what the university and individual colleges already provide for the truly hard case.

The introduction of tuition fees is not itself going to solve university cash crises — even if the Treasury was prepared to hypothecate the sums raised and give it all to the universities. There is a black hole in the proposals. It is unclear where the money which the poorest students will not have to pay, but which the universities will need, is to come from. (Top-up tuition fees are properly ruled out, but their absence requires some other source of funds.)

In the new, diverse university system (Oxford, Redbrick, Plate-glass, former polytechnic), while all universities are equal, some are more equal than others. So they should be. Higher education is worldwide. Britain needs world-class centres of excellence. Dearing is right to stress the importance of new technology for all universities, but wrong to set his face against an elite within it. It is vital not only that fees go towards university expenses, but also that they are not redistributed to the detriment of the best universities.

It is constituted by both teachers and the taught. Reaction to Dearing has concentrated on the impact on students. The Government must also consider the scale of academic salaries. These are perilously low. The Dearing report recommends that Oxford college fees should be reviewed by ministers so as to ensure that extra funds represented a "good use of resources". While postponing the storm that does not dissolve the clouds. Any removal of public subsidy for the college fees would threaten the twin pillars of Oxford education, the collegiate system and tutorial by tuition. Direct and constant contact between don and student is, in my experience, especially effective. It is vital that Oxford should dispel any impression that it is a "fat cat university". Oxford is not seeking to be protected for privilege; it asks to be equipped for efficiency.

Those who say that its products still dominate the institutions of power and influence in Britain might ask themselves whether this may not bear a relation to the education which its graduates have received. We aim to give the best to those whom we have selected as the best — irrespective of where they come from. And we cannot do it by ourselves. The endowment of only a few colleges could withstand the withdrawal of subsidy for college fees. We already maximise the commercial exploitation of our premises — perhaps already at the expense of students who wish to remain in situ for the vacation.

Our task now is not to sell ourselves to the world, but to sell our university to the Government. Ministers cannot, surely, see Oxford's destiny as just another university, with its colleges ending their days as full-time conference centres.

The author is President of Trinity College, Oxford. Philip Howard's column will appear tomorrow.

The party of orthodoxy

Labour has changed its policies, but not its habit of angry intolerance

The conversion of Saul to St Paul on the road to Damascus strikes the student of human nature differently from the theologian. Saul's belief changed, but Saul did not.

Saul stopped attacking Christians as a Jew, and Paul started attacking Judaism as a Christian. Whatever it was that Paul believed, he became gripped by an intense certainty that he was right, and filled with indignation against those who disagreed. He started to lay down the law. His instinct was authoritarian.

Bruce Anderson writes for *The Spectator*. If he had been chronicling the age of St Paul rather than of Tony Blair, he might have surveyed some of the views Paul had held and written something like this: "If we seek to understand the divergent stances Paul has taken on religion, we search in vain for any general principle." As it is, Mr Anderson finds himself assessing new Labour.

"If," he writes (July 19) "we seek to understand the divergent stances which Labour has taken on cigarette-smoking and homosexuality, we search in vain for any general principle."

John Lloyd, my fellow *Times* columnist, sounds similarly puzzled. On this page on July 24 he notes "the growing list of pleasures that new Labour wishes to curtail, control or ban... hunting, shooting, smoking, drinking — on what other earthly pleasures does the cold eye of new Labour light? Ah, cars."

You could call this authoritarian, he suggests. But then Mr Lloyd turns his attention to the Government's more permissive attitude to homosexuality. This is, he writes, "by contrast an unequivocal blow for liberty". I suggest to Mr Anderson that there is no difficulty in finding a unifying general principle: and to Mr Lloyd that there is no contrast between Labour's attitudes to smoking and to homosexuality. In any survey of the party's approach to the personal habits of the citizenry, there is nothing puzzling, nothing to be explained. Labour has always been and remains a party of orthodoxy. Its interests are profoundly authoritarian. The huge change we have recently seen in the party is a change in the substance of Labour's orthodoxy. Orthodoxy changes but the habit of orthodoxy stays the same.

John Lloyd should not conclude that changes to the law on homosexuality are an unequivocal blow for

liberty. Liberty means letting people do what you believe may be wrong. The liberty to do what the Government thinks is right is a liberty Stalin would have been happy to accord. New Labour does not believe homosexuality is wrong. This Government's altered attitude towards the expression of homosexual love reflects nothing more than a generational change in attitudes towards consensual sex. The view now fashionable is that physical and emotional love is good for people, so long as there is no "victim". Being good for people, it should not be discouraged. Indeed it should be encouraged, and that is why those on the Left who have argued for the decriminalisation of homosexuality so often go on to make the case for promoting it — some believing that the State itself should do so.

To see this as a great blow for tolerance, a new openness to diversity, is a grave error. The people who want to put books excusing homosexuality into school libraries are the same people who want to remove books they accuse of encouraging "undesirable" attitudes. These people are not the standard-bearers of liberty, and those who rally to their banner believing it to be the banner of toleration should beware. Those ready to raise you up because they approve will be quick to tread you underfoot if ever they disagree.

Trust most in the protection of those who may hate what you do, yet respect your privacy and liberty to do it. I am far from claiming that the Conservative Party offers any guarantee of such protection. Tories have their own PC, but they call it Victorian values. The flame of liberty burns fitfully among them and increasingly fitfully among Liberal Democrats. Liberty, paternalism and authoritarianism all have good pedigree in the Tory party and the struggle between them is ceaseless. My purpose here is to point out that claims that liberty is winning in the Labour Party are misleading.

Consider Labour's mental anguish over abortion. The philosophical harbour offered to any libertarian in such matters is closed to a new Labour thinker. Those of us who believe in liberty find no difficulty — at the parliamentary level — in accepting that such an issue might be considered a matter of conscience by party whips. On the issue itself, we conclude that abortion might or might not be evil, but that the moral choice should be left to the mother.

A Blairite has difficulty with this, and Mr Blair shows signs of having difficulty with it himself. His instinct is to decide whether or not abortion is bad. If it is bad, his instinct is to try to put a stop to it. If it is not bad, then surely it is good?

And many on the feminist Left do indeed take that view. Those who break the moral consensus are unconsciously bracketed with scab labour. But there is a second strand to the rope of new Labour's moral halter, and it is a Celtic strand. Gang mentality is a very Scottish phenomenon.

Matthew Parris

A Blairite's reflexive reaction to such questions is to "take a view" on whether to prohibit or promote. Once taken, this view should be a matter of party policy. That there are practical reasons why new Labour is unable to follow that reflex in this case lends a palpable unease to their whole consideration of the matter.

It is easier with sex and tobacco. New Labour genuinely believes smoking is harmful and homosexuality is not. There is, therefore, no contradiction in banning one and decriminalising the other, but both moves spring from an unspoken premise: if something is harmful, it ought to be stopped. Whole categories of behaviour which the Labour Party used to believe harmful have been reclassified and removed from the list. The profit motive, educational selection, nuclear weapons, strike-breaking... the roll call is extensive.

Into the gaps they leave, new taboos are moving: sexism, racism, homophobia, smoking, alcoholics, noisy neighbours... but what remains is a principled determination to improve mankind by legislation. And beneath that tone there is a darker undertone, quieter but persistent: a huge irritation and impatience

Eating away

ATTITUDES among the Labour Government towards the taking of lunch grow ever more perverse. When they were first elected, it looked as though lunch would be abolished, with everyone forced to guzzle sandwiches and mineral water on the hoof à la Peter Mandelson, Milk Monitor without Portfolio. Now there are reports of

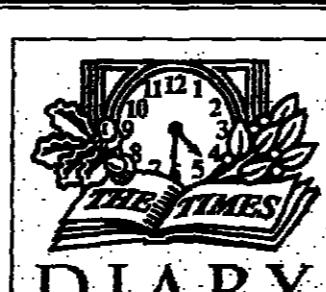
ever more Stalinist monitoring of the lunch hour.

One journalist recently set up lunch with a minister and rang up to confirm it with her private office on the day. Five minutes after receiving his confirmation, he received a call from the minister's departmental press office asking what questions he would be asking! Bang out of order, said the hack. It was unprecedented for a departmental press office to go nosing around over a lunch held on private lobby terms.

With the eye of No 10 looming over ministerial lives like the UFO over Washington in the poster for *Independence Day*, ministers and journalists are having to go to more elaborate means to keep their rendezvous secret.

One scam proving successful is to bypass government departments and telephone the ministers' researchers instead to arrange meetings. A restaurant can then be booked a safe distance from Westminster and the lunch held without it ever appearing in the official ministerial diary.

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tain Malcolm Carver, who is retiring after 40 years as the Under-Treasurer at the Inns of Court. Talk centred on the Lord Chancellor's pot-and-kettle criticism of fat cat lawyers. George Carman, QC, one of the best paid and most successful lawyers, looked by turns indignant and woeful. As the evening wore on, he turned to his table and said: "What's so wrong with fat cats anyway?"

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prize and a commercial dairy. The principal residence, decorated in the manner of a Forte Hotel, has a 60ft drawing-room, a 43ft pool and a quarry-tiled gun room.

Lord Forte bought the estate 35 years ago. There was only one problem with it. Even the poliest members of his shooting parties could not help but grumble about birds flying only off the ground.

• Storm, the London modelling agency behind Kate Moss, Carla Bruni and Iris Palmer, is opening a branch in Cape Town. "We'll be going for more conventional, healthy types," says a spokesman at the agency, founded in 1987 by Richard Branson and Sarah Doukas. "None of that English eccentricity." They might care to consult Earl Spencer, man about Afritown, who was recently linked to Josie Bovis, a South African model and walking advertisement for a life spent outdoors.

No change

THERE is a charming consistency to the conduct of Des Swayne, Conservative MP for New Forest West, who has been berating the Prime Minister at Question Time over the issue of Welsh devolution. A letter to the student newspaper of St Andrews University, published when



Key clients: Carole Caplin

Swayne was studying there in 1977, reads: "We would like to complain about the attitude of Des Swayne at practically every political meeting we have attended including SRC hecklings." Swayne's behaviour, the anonymous divinity student concludes, is quite simply "rude, nasty and brusque".

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Keeping fit: Tessa Jowell

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A HARD BARGAIN

Scotland's Parliament should satisfy, but will not come cheap

Devolution was, famously, John Smith's "unfinished business". Tony Blair, notoriously, once compared a Scottish parliament to a parish council. The White Paper, *Scotland's Parliament*, published yesterday, brings devolution within Scots' grasp but, even if its proposals pass smoothly into law, that will not be the end of the business. The transfer of powers envisaged is significant, well beyond the parochial, but those powers are to be exercised within a framework of firm Westminster sovereignty.

The demand for a parliament in Scotland is greater than in Wales, and so are the powers to be devolved. Consequently, the potential difficulties and the need for careful remodelling of the Union are all the greater. If Labour is to create a settlement which endures then Scots must appreciate the nature of the new Union better than their ancestors did the treaty of 1707, which provoked discontent long before it won admirers. When Scots cast their votes in the referendum they should recognise that the establishment of their parliament comes at a price, and one which may grow over time.

The principled argument for Scottish devolution is, like the Scottish Secretary Donald Dewar, mature, respectable and persuasive. Scotland is the only nation with its own legal system but no legislature. The growth in administrative devolution over the past 112 years has given the Scottish Secretary formidable powers over his fellow countrymen and £14 billion to spend. An hour a month at Westminster and a peripatetic Grand Committee, with no Tory representation, are flimsy figleaves for such an exercise of proconsular power. A properly established Scottish parliament could ensure a level of executive accountability, legislative scrutiny and democratic legitimacy which the status quo cannot.

Moving from the high ground of principle, however, involves negotiating boggy territory. The White Paper provides a sure guide through certain constitutional quagmires but it is, as yet, an incomplete map.

The most prominent problem raised so far, the West Lothian question, is tackled as effectively as political realities allow. The potential difficulty for a Labour Government, dependent on Scottish MPs, legislating for England when it does not enjoy a majority south of the border is mitigated by the promise of a boundary review which will reduce Scottish representation.

The path to resolving other areas of possible friction is not so obvious. The White Paper states that the current level of Treasury spending in Scotland will survive, as will the post of Scottish Secretary. But how long will the Treasury tolerate the status quo when a Scottish parliament can levy its own taxes? Will the English meekly acquiesce when they realise Scots can enjoy lower taxes at their expense? What will the Scottish Secretary do when almost all his old powers are exercised by the executive in a Scottish parliament? What muscle will he have at Cabinet level with a tiny budget, shrunken secretariat and, very possibly, a parliament in Edinburgh to which he is ideologically opposed?

The inevitable diminution in the influence of the Scottish Secretary is more than one man's problem. To take just two issues, the EU and oil taxation, policy will be decided around a Cabinet table where Scotland's voice is weaker. A parliament will be more representative of Scottish opinion than any one minister but what use will that be when it cannot always make representations where it counts?

Entering caveats should not be equated with erecting obstacles. It is for Scotland to decide how best its political identity finds expression. The search for greater autonomy within the Union has been the Grail quest of Scottish politics for the past hundred years and this White Paper is a bold and honest attempt to bring it to a happy conclusion.

Scots must, however, recognise that greater autonomy in Edinburgh is inevitably offset by less influence in England. It is as well to recognise that now, lest resentment sour a Union which has benefited both.

A CHANGE OF PRIORITIES

Ministers will not be judged by how much they spend

All new governments come into power determined to rationalise public spending. Few achieve their goal. But if the steamroller of government expenditure can be redirected just a little, it is worth the try. And the first year is the best opportunity to attempt it.

When one party has been in power for 18 years and another takes over there must be scope for reallocation of money, both within and between departments, to reflect changed priorities. Ministers can also question whether spending in their departments achieves what it is supposed to achieve. That is the rationale behind the Government's comprehensive spending review, the terms of reference for which were published yesterday for each department.

Although the Conservatives held fundamental spending reviews, this is the first time that all departments have been asked to examine their operations simultaneously. That element of competition may spur ministers on, particularly since the reward will be approval from the Prime Minister and the Chancellor. They know that they will be judged on the savings that they find. They will also have no excuse not to throw themselves into the task. Because public spending levels for the coming year have been inherited from the Conservatives, ministers will not be distracted by having to make a bid in the annual spending round.

These factors should help to combat the countervailing pressure from officials in their departments, who judge the success of ministers by the amount of money that they manage to extract from the Treasury.

Gordon Brown and his Chief Secretary, Alistair Darling, are trying to persuade ministers not to see themselves as ambassadors for their departments. This will be hard, but not perhaps impossible in the early months of a new administration.

Dismantling the Leviathan and reassembling it more efficiently demands that searching questions be put. First, ministers will have to work out their objectives and how progress towards them can be measured and achieved. Then they will have to examine whether the current methods of delivering them are working — and if not, why not. Finally, there is the question of whether departments could achieve the same results more cheaply, and if so, how.

One of the few advantages of inheriting a tight spending regime is that ministers have already been forced to be imaginative and to challenge their assumptions. Thus, for instance, David Blunkett has accepted the need for students to contribute towards their tuition fees, a notion that would have been anathema to a Labour politician not so long ago.

This exercise will be a big test to a Cabinet of uneven quality. It will mark out those who have managed the transition from Opposition to Government and those who have not. But if a reordering of expenditure can ever be achieved, it is worth trying now, before what the Treasury calls "departmentalitis" sets in. The old ways will doubtless return, but Mr Blair is right to take advantage of the vigour of his new administration before they do.

TEARS IN ROME

Italians demonstrate their opposition to the death penalty

In scenes as emotional as those that surrounded the Milan memorial service for Gianni Versace, hundreds of Italians mourned another death yesterday morning. They expressed their grief outside the American Embassy, in Rome, and in the Campo dei Fiori, at the site where Giordano Bruno, philosopher and astronomer, was burnt at the stake for heresy 397 years previously. Similar vigils were held in other places, notably Palermo, a city that lost its most recent honorary citizen that night.

The object of this outpouring of emotion was not an eminent figure or national hero. Joseph O'Dell was a convicted criminal, executed by lethal injection thousands of miles away in the state of Virginia. O'Dell had no connection with Italy. Despite this, his cause was adopted by newspapers and politicians across the country.

The Italian Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, personally petitioned President Clinton for a commuted sentence. The Mayor of Palermo visited Richmond, Virginia, to ask Governor George Allen to spare the condemned man's life. Their efforts had been supported by the Pope and Mother Teresa. It was to no avail.

This crusade says much about Italy and the attitudes of Italians. In most European states capital punishment has been abolished at the behest of elites over the objections of popular opinion. Not so Italy, where a combination of Catholic teaching and revulsion over the deployment of state-sanctioned

death during the fascist dictatorship (especially in Abyssinia and Albania), saw the instrument abolished shortly after Mussolini's own execution. That decision is still supported by an overwhelming majority.

O'Dell was not the first American on death row to be adopted by Italians. This affair acquired a special standing because of newspaper reports that highlighted doubts over the DNA evidence used against him. But most Italians would have opposed the sentence even if O'Dell's guilt had been proved beyond all possible contention. The entire US judicial system was portrayed as harsh and uncompromising. The Governor, it was alleged, had refused clemency to advance his own electoral ambitions. Those accounts might have exaggerated the degree of uncertainty in these circumstances.

The outcry also sheds an unusual light on Italian-American relations. The American constitutional apparatus is widely admired by Italians who hold a dim view of their own politicians and government. The energy and enterprise of US culture is also universally appreciated. That the same society, normally so advanced, can deploy the death penalty — and with such apparent enthusiasm — is regarded with amazement as well as abhorrence. Italians are quietly proud of their own sense of compassion and forgiveness in these matters. In this respect, Rome perceives itself as somewhat superior to Richmond. The execution of O'Dell will reinforce that belief.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dearing's 'tough truths' on tuition fees and student debt

From Dr Kenneth Jason

Sir, With such a vast increase in the number of school leavers going on to university, it is little wonder that the Government has been forced to make them pay for their nation (reports and leading article, July 24). Twenty or thirty years ago the country could comfortably afford to invest in the brightest gaining a higher education to ensure its future as one of the world's top industrial and technological nations.

If this expansion in higher education were truly beneficial, one would expect to see the highest increases in subjects such as physics. This has clearly not been the case and in fact a few established universities have been forced to close their physics departments. The majority of the expansion has been in pseudo-academic subjects such as media studies, in institutions that really have no right to be called universities.

If students are required to pay for tuition, it will force them to look closely at whether they really need to go to university and whether the course they do have any real value. It is a pity that to restore balance to higher education diligence and hard work are to be replaced by fees.

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July 24.

From the General Secretary of the Association of University Teachers

Sir, I welcome the commitment by the Secretary of State, David Blunkett ("The tough truths of Dearing", July 24), that the Government's proposals will mean more money for universities, and that the savings will be used in higher education. What is raised in higher education must be spent in higher education, or the political row with new Labour supporters will echo for years.

I would also like to challenge your point (leading article, July 21) that it is well established that too much is spent in Britain on its universities at the expense of its schools.

Yours sincerely,
TOM DETRE

July 24.

From Mrs Gill Muncey

Sir, Surely one outcome of the withdrawal of maintenance grants for higher education students must be a review of the length of the university teaching year. At the University of Sussex the 96/97 terms only lasted for 30 weeks in total — leaving a ridiculously long 22 weeks' vacation over the years.

The University of Buckingham already fits degree courses into two years and this practice ought to be extended. The sooner students can get into employment and start earning

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July 24.

From Mr Tom Detre

Sir, Tony Blair, as part of his election campaign, put great emphasis on education, education, education. However, it is only now that the small print has emerged: subject to status.

Yours sincerely,
TOM DETRE

July 24.

From Dr Richard Gordon

Sir, How much easier was life, and death, before people started striking attitudes and forming associations about ethical problems.

Some 50 years ago, as a newly qualified houseman with a tortured conscience, I ventured to kill off my first patient. I instantly and solemnly told the ward sister: "I've just turned off the drip on No 16." "Oh, yes, doctor", she said, "that patient's already been dead for half an hour."

I am astonished by Dr Horner's assertion that he believes "the General Medical Council and the police would be failing in their duty if they did not look into these allegations". Should Dr Irwin be jailed for life, as the current odious law obliges? What is just or ethical in a criminal law that makes no distinction between the consensual killing of a dying person and the murder of someone who wishes to live?

Dr Horner, it seems to me, takes his moral guidance from the blunt rule of law. I regard Dr Irwin, on the other hand, as informed by compassion, understanding and a profound respect for the right to self-determination.

Yours sincerely,
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July 24.

From Dr Elizabeth S. B. Wilson

Sir, One of the regular arguments against voluntary euthanasia ad-

vanced by the British Medical Association is that its legalisation would destroy the "doctor/patient relationship" of trust, as doctors are known to be bound to save life and not take it away. What balderdash this is.

A physician's paramount duty is to care for his, or her, patient with skill, compassion and integrity. In my view this includes complying with their wishes at the end of life, even if this means their death occurs days, weeks or months before so-called "nature" eventually supervenes.

To describe the death of someone in intensive care, for example, as "natural" is to stretch the meaning of words beyond their limit, as is Dr Horner's use of the term "execution" in relation to physician-assisted suicide.

Yours etc,

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July 24.

From Mr G. D. Ashley

Sir, Today, at different times whilst listening to the radio, I have heard the descriptions "computer literate" and "computer illiterate" on at least six occasions. It would seem to a person of lowly scientific training that the words "computerate" and "incomptute" would fulfil these functions more succinctly.

Yours faithfully

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July 24.

From Mr David J. Montier

Sir, No doubt the birds reported by

Scrivenor ("Inns and Outs", Law, July 22) as nesting at the Royal Courts of Justice were black redstarts, rather than redstarts, their rural relatives.

In the London area, black redstarts

will set up territories in a variety of urban and industrial habitats, and records of nesting birds or singing males this summer have come from the millennium exhibition site at Greenwich, Whitehall, Borough High Street and from the roof of the Hippodrome in Leicester Square.

Yours faithfully,

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July 24.

From Mr Anthony Bosanquet

Sir, Our church congregation this

morning much enjoyed the singing of

Tata and Brady's version of Psalm 42:

"As pants the hart for cooling streams,

when heated in the chase".

I found myself wondering whether,

like the now abandoned (and wholly unlamented) verse of *All things bright and beautiful* about the rich man at the gate, this marvellous hymn (to say nothing of the psalm) is shortly destined to join the ranks of the politically incorrect.

I shared this thought with an old friend after the service. "My favorite hymn", he said. Is nothing sacred?

Yours faithfully,

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July 24.

From Professor Emeritus Herbert H. Hazle

Sir, In his statement concerning his

resignation (report, July 22), the Dean

of Lincoln, the Very Reverend Bran

d Jackson, seems obsessed with

cricket imagery, speaking of his deci

sion "to declare the innings closed"

and to seek "other grounds with more

favourable wickets".

Clearly he has no use for Sir Henry

Newbold (1802-1938):

Play up! play up! and play the game!

He seems more attuned



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 24: His Excellency Mr Radu Onofrei was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from Romania to the Court of St James's.

Mrs Onofrei was also received by Her Majesty.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present.

Sir Denis Henderson (First Crown Estate Commissioner) was received by The Queen.

His Excellency Mr Antonio Costa Lobo and Mrs da Costa Lobo were received in farewell audience by Her Majesty and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, 9th Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Nell Baverstock upon assuming the appointment.

Aftherwards The Duke of York received Major Elizabeth Towell upon relinquishing her appointment as Temporary Equerry to His Royal Highness and Major Mark Ewings upon assuming the appointment.

The Duke of York, Patron, this evening took the Salute at the Royal Tournament Earls Court, London SW5.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 24: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Colonel-in-Chief, today visited The Light Dragons at Hail Barracks, Bergh-Hohne, Germany.

Mrs Charles Vyvyan and Major the Lord Napier and Enrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE

July 24: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, President, The Queen's Nursing Institute, this afternoon received Mrs Martin Aitken Chairman of the Council.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE

July 24: The Duke of Kent, this evening attended the Vicars' Nurses' Limited, Ipswich Road, Woodbridge, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Suffolk (Lord Bedstead).

The Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Abbeyfield Orwell Society's Prince Greer House Congreve Road, Ipswich.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

RICHMOND PARK

July 24: Princess Alexandra, Patron, this evening attended a Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration to mark the Thirtieth Anniversary of St Christopher's Hospice at Southwark Cathedral, London SE1.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Venerable Ian Russell as Chaplain to Her Majesty.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.J. Beardmore and Miss L.J. Kyle
The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Beardmore, of Somerford, Cheshire, and Louise, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Kyle, of Cheadle, Cheshire.

Mr N.L. Ludlam and Miss I.A. Money
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs John Ludlam, of Hebdon Bridge, Yorkshire, and Imogen Alice, daughter of Mr Martin Money, of Salerno, and Mrs Victoria Orr-Ewing, of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Mr P.J. Vrancken and Miss C.M. Morley
The engagement is announced between Laurens Peter Jan, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Vrancken, of Lanaken-Neerharen, Belgium, and Charlotte Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Morley, of Twickenham, Middlesex.

Mr S. Walker and Miss R. Woodhead
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Walker, of Woodland St Mary, Berkshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Woodhead, of Inkpen, Berkshire.

BLAKE - On July 17th at the Whittington Hospital, London, to Susan (née Fallon) and Tom Gower, brother for Rhianon and a half-brother for Claire and Gwenda.

GODDARD - On July 22nd, to Elizabeth and Mark a beautiful daughter, Melodynne, a twin.

DAVIES - On 20th July at St Thomas' Hospital, London, to Sue (née Barthoold) and Sebastian, a son, William Raymond, a daughter, a twin for Daniel and a brother for Freddie and Sam.

GORDON-SMITH - Son William

JOHNS - On 20th July, to Nicole and Stephen, a daughter, Bronwen, Mary, a sister for Isamu and Olivia.

MARSH - On 16th June 1997, to Julie and David, a son, Edward James Lawson.

MCKEEHAN - See Parker

MORRIS - On 17th July at St Thomas' Hospital, to Steven (née Parker) and Glynis, a daughter, Olivia Grace.

GOODCHILD - On 17th July, in Finsbury, to Eve (née Barthoold) and Sebastian, a son, William Raymond, a daughter, a twin for Daniel and a brother for Freddie and Sam.

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J.R.B. Wood and Miss S.A. Carroll

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Brian Wood, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire, and Sarah, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Byron Carron, of Wanborough, Wiltshire.

Mr N.P. Wraith and Miss E.J. Cockett

The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Captain and Mrs Richard Wraith of Tavistock, Devon, and Emily, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Cockett, of Exeter, Devon.

De Heer Myrs D.L. Zahavi and Miss D. Swanwick

The engagement is announced between Daniel, son of Mordelach Zahavi, of Rotterdam, and Betsy Zahavi, of Rotterdam, and Deborah, youngest daughter of Martin and Dianne Swanwick, of Ashton Racecourse, Berkshire at Asot Racecourse, Ashton.

New ambassadors

Mr Christopher Meyer is to be Ambassador to the United States of America from October in succession to Sir John Kerr who becomes Permanent Under-Secretary of State and Head of the Diplomatic Service in November.

Mr Paul Leventis is to be Ambassador to Germany from January to Germany from the end of the year in succession to Mr Meyer.

Lord Levene of Portsoken

The life barony conferred upon Sir Peter Keith Levene has been gazetted by the name, style and title of Baron Levene of Portsoken of Portsoken in the City of London.

YOUNG-GLENROSS - On July 25th 1947 Ted to Pam St Martin Square, now in Winchester.

DEATHS

TALENTIVE - On July 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Karen Connolly and Sehenn, a daughter, Lillian Ziole, a twin for Harriet.

WILLIAMS - On July 18th, to Caroline (née Gordon-Smith) and David, two daughters, Amanda Mary and Imogen Victoria, sisters for Harriet.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

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SEWAN - Pippe (Philippa Mary) died in her sleep at home on 12th July 1997, aged 92 years. Wife of Robin and loving mother and grandmother.

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OBITUARIES

BRIAN GLOVER

Brian Glover, actor, died from a brain tumour yesterday aged 63. He was born on April 2, 1934.

Between Kes, the film which launched his screen career, and his even better known starring role as the voice of the Gaffer behind the Tetley tea television advertisements, Brian Glover had been Shakespearean actor, television scriptwriter and schoolmaster. But the experience which he always said gave him the confidence to succeed was the twenty years he spent in the ring, as a professional wrestler.

For ten of those years Glover led an extraordinary double life. Between 9am and 4pm each day he was the English and French master in a Yorkshire grammar school. But unknown to his staffroom colleagues, as soon as the school day was over, he was transformed into Leon Arras, jet-setting professional wrestler, and a star of the rings of Paris, Zurich and Milan. Every afternoon he would drive to Leeds, take a train to London and from there fly to whatever venue beckoned him with wrestling action. A few fast falls, the plaudits of the crowd, the pocketing of a cheque, and Leon Arras would be back in Barnsley by the following morning to resume the only role in which his colleagues knew him.

Yet the staff room of that apparently ordinary school was, in its turn, to spring a surprise on Glover. For it was another schoolmaster, Barry Hines, who was to enable Glover to line his pockets even more spectacularly than he had already done through his wrestling. Unknown to his colleagues, Hines had been beavering away at a novel which was finally to see the light of day as *Kestrel for a Knave* in 1968. In the following year, its potential was realised by the producer Tony Garnett and the celebrated film Kes was born, with Glover chosen to play Sugden, the overbearing games master in a northern school.

For Glover it was the beginning of a career that was to take him out of the staff room for ever. His tough, yet somehow, simultaneously cherubic:



features were soon familiar to TV audiences throughout the country, in series such as *Porridge*, while in films he teamed up with John Wayne in *Brannigan* and had roles in fare such as *An American Werewolf in London*.

Brian Glover was born in Sheffield, but he grew up in Barnsley where his father kept a corner shop. Glover senior also had a double life as a wrestler, celebrated locally under the ring name the Red Devil.

It was a basic but not a deprived upbringing. Brian won a scholarship to Barnsley Grammar School from where he obtained a place at Sheffield University.

The wrestling profession soon supervened. One night a promoter rang him with the offer of a bout at Wimblsow, Cheshire, where the billed fighter Leon Arras had just pulled out. For the night Glover was then "Leon Arras from Paris, France". His physical robustness stood him in good stead in

ies, the money was too tempting. As Glover said later: "When a man on a £220-a-year grant can earn £100 for a few minutes' work at the Albert Hall, then his academic career is in some jeopardy." Glover left Sheffield to wrestle full-time, only later realising that it was not a trade he could expect to ply for very many years. At that point he took a teacher training qualification as insurance, and began his double life as a schoolmaster-wrestler. When he was not impersonating Leon Arras, he was billed as "The Man of Iron from the Town of Steel".

The astounding success of Kes, a moving story of a small boy and his pet kestrel, set in an unsparsingly realistic northern background, might completely have emancipated Glover from the wrestling ring. But he continued to enjoy the sport, turning it to good account in several film and television roles.

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stood him in good stead in *Brannigan* (1975) where it was part of his role to be roughed up by John Wayne. Other film roles besides *An American Werewolf in London* (1981) included *Alien 3* (1992) and *Leon the Pig Farmer* (also 1992).

But he was most familiar to British audiences for his appearances in series such as the jail comedy *Porridge* which starred Ronnie Barker. He also had occasional appearances in *Dixon of Dock Green*, *The Return of the Saint* and *Minder*.

More recently he had played the dour Magersfontein Lugg, giving a wonderfully jaundiced performance as the ex-criminal minder of Margery Allingham's suave detective in the series *Campion*. In 1993-94, he took the role of Selwyn Price, the friendly ex-wrestler neighbour of the pretty, impulsive young woman private detective in the television series made from the *Anna Lee* novels (in which Imogen Stubbs sparkily played the

eponymous heroine).

Yet in spite of all this achievement, and a by no means negligible stage career which included roles in the classics at the Royal Shakespeare and Royal National Theatres, the name of Brian Glover is, to many, synonymous with two famous Yorkshire voices. These were those of the Gaffer intoning "Tetleys me teabags mek tea" and that for Allinson's bread products: "Bread, w' nowt tekken owl". He did not mind. "The ads are me pension and it's a good Yorkshire product," he remarked with characteristic northern pragmatism.

Glover first had surgery for a brain tumour last September, but had been able to return to work afterwards. Last May he had to return to hospital for further treatment.

Brian Glover is survived by his second wife Tara Prem and by their son, as well as by the daughter he had by his first wife; that marriage was dissolved.

MARGOT WALMSLEY

Margot Walmsley, former managing editor of *Encounter*, died yesterday aged 83. She was born on January 21, 1914.

UNTIL the very end of her life, Margot Walmsley was one of London's great party-givers. The salon in her Kensington flat began in the 1950s as a lively extension of her job as managing editor of the now defunct *Encounter* magazine, but it took on a life of its own, and during the past 40 years innumerable literary and political friendships have been formed and nourished there.

She was born in London of Scottish parents. As a girl she lived in Maida Vale — "the respectable end", she would say — and received a convent education. She took a few tentative steps in Fleet Street journalism just before the war, but the decisive move in her life came when she accepted an invitation from Irving Kristol to join *Encounter* in 1953, its first year. There, under a series of brilliant but unruly editors, and amid repeated storms of controversy, she maintained order and calm.

From the start her parties were glittering affairs, at which Kristol, an American who was co-editor of *Encounter* along with Stephen Spender, had the chance to meet English writers and intellectuals, and at which visiting Americans such as Lionel Trilling and Daniel Bell could be entertained. Many young writers who have since become eminent were also part of her cast-list.

It was Margot's personality and style as a hostess that gave the parties their character. First, there was the informality. Margot's flat was only a small one on the top floor of a Kensington terrace. When guests arrived and rang the street doorbell, a window opened and some keys wrapped in a scrap of paper came hurtling down. In the



PROFESSOR CHONE SHMERUK

Chone Shmeruk, Emeritus Professor of Yiddish at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, died in Warsaw on July 5 aged 76. He was born there on January 5, 1921.

THE world's foremost scholar of Yiddish literature and folklore, Chone Shmeruk was Yiddish, English and Polish in culture. His many books and articles elucidated the field of Old Yiddish, the early Hasidic movement and its social significance in the Jewish community structure of Eastern Europe.

In 1950 he began helping with the County Court Rules Committee, of which he became secretary in 1962. He also served on the working party revising the rules of the Supreme Court, which led to the 1965 rules, which are still in force. After divorce jurisdiction was given to county courts, he rewrote the Matrimonial Causes rules to apply to high courts and county courts, and devised a "special procedure" for divorce.

One of Gregory's most notable achievements was the system of small claims arbitration introduced in 1973. This brainchild of his has worked so well that it now handles more than 70 per cent of all civil disputes. Lord Woolf's reforms take the success of the small claims court as their starting point. Gregory was appointed CBE in 1973.

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Then he edited the original Hebrew writings of the Jewish humorist Sholem Aleichem, and followed this with an edition of the correspondence between the "father" of both modern Yiddish and modern Hebrew literature, Shalom Yakov Abramovich (who wrote under the pseudonym "Mendele the Book-

seller") and the Hebrew poet Chaim Nachman Bialik. In 1978 he produced his definitive work on Old Yiddish literature in Poland from its earliest known text, dated 1272, to the writings of Isaac Bashevis Singer — the only Yiddish writer to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Chone Shmeruk was born in Warsaw into a prosperous family that was partly traditional and partly involved in the Jewish Socialist Party — the Bund. When the Germans invaded Poland in 1939, part of the family escaped to the Soviet Union. But his parents and a sister perished in the death camp at Treblinka. Those who escaped were exiled to Uzbekistan.

Shmeruk arrived in Israel in 1949 and studied history and literature at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. His doctoral dissertation was on *The Jews in Byelo-Russia and the Jewish Agricultural Settlements 1918-1923*. He was appointed a lectureship in 1957 and became a professor in 1961.

His first substantial work (written in Yiddish) was on Yitzhak Leibush Peretz's symbolic play *Night in the Old Market*. The play's text is difficult; there are a number of

soldiers, friends and former students of his published a *Festschrift* in his honour in three languages — Hebrew, English and Yiddish. Shmeruk was a member of the Israel Academy of Science and was awarded the State of Israel Prize.

He had a quiet sense of humor, was always elegantly dressed and was a regular visitor to London and Oxford; he had many friends in Britain.

His first wife, Myra, died in 1990. He is survived by his second wife, Krystyna, by two daughters from his first marriage and by the son from his second.

ROY GREGORY

Roland Charles Leslie Gregory was born in Balham, south London, and won a scholarship to the Strand School. At the age of 17 he took the Civil Service clerical exam, coming third out of more than 3,000 candidates.

Posted to Wandsworth County Court, he determined to master county court procedure, and used to time himself with a stopwatch when filling out summonses. He enrolled as an external student at London University, and gained his LLB degree in 1937. The

following year he transferred to the Lambeth County Court.

From October 1941 to April 1942 he served with the Royal Army Medical Corps, returning to Lambeth County Court following his discharge on medical grounds. In 1947, he was appointed secretary to the Austin Jones Committee on County Court Procedure. So successfully did he do his work that immediately after this committee had reported he was appointed secretary to the Eversheds Committee on Supreme Court Practice and

Supervision, which sat from 1949 to 1953. In 1950 he was called to the Bar.

In 1949, Roy Gregory was invited to join the editorial team working on *Tuttleworth's County Court Practice*, an annual publication for practitioners in the county courts, familiarly known as the Green Book. He was a meticulous and resourceful editor, and he continued working on the publication to the time of his death. Despite the continuous expansion of the jurisdiction of the county

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NEWS

Scots Parliament plan acclaimed

■ THE biggest change in relations between Scotland and the rest of the UK for nearly 300 years was heralded with publication of plans for an Edinburgh Parliament with powers to raise taxes and pass its own laws.

Donald Dewar, the Scottish Secretary, said that the new Parliament, to be up and running in 2000, would strengthen the unity of the UK. But Tories said the proposals were dangerous, damaging and dishonest.....**Pages 1, II**

Glimmer of hope for Hindley

■ Myra Hindley's hopes of eventual release improved when the Lords ruled that Michael Howard had no right to increase the minimum term imposed on another double killer. Hindley is one of a number of prisoners who have had their "tariffs" increased to a "whole life" sentence.....**Page 1**

Mother arrested

A British woman who ran away to Florida with her 14-year-old son's best friend has been told she faces 20 years in jail after admitting to police that she had a year-long affair with the boy....**Page I**

Cunanan suicide

The serial killer Andrew Cunanan shot himself on a Miami Beach houseboat three miles from the mansion where he murdered Gianni Versace. His body was found by police and FBI agents and the gun at his side was "similar" to that used in five murders.....**Pages I, 15**

Radio 4 upheaval

BBC governors sanctioned one of the biggest overhauls in the history of Radio 4. Up to 20 programmes, some in place for decades, face the axe.....**Page 2**

No conspiracy

A woman who advises Labour on how to attract more women to Parliament has had a claim for racial discrimination rejected after being told that she had lost touch with reality. Her judgment had been "so clouded by feminist and anti-racist beliefs" that she saw racist conspiracies where none existed.....**Page 3**

Losing battle

Thousands of Second World War veterans held in prison camps in Germany and Italy have lost their fight to reclaim money that was deducted from their pay....**Page 5**

Black and white identity parade

■ Police planning to put extortion suspect Martin Kamara in an identity parade could not find other tall, balding black men to join him. So they recruited seven whites. When Mr Kamara complained, the others had their faces blacked by a make-up artist — who neglected to paint their hands. The parade was abandoned and Mr Kamara subsequently cleared.....**Page 1**



Mo Mowlam, the Northern Ireland Secretary, comforts Vincent Hanna's widow Joan at a memorial service for the broadcaster in Belfast.

Rapid results

A series of "one-stop" clinics where women can be screened for breast cancer and receive the results within three hours are to be opened as part of a £10 million effort to improve detection of the disease.....**Page 7**

Opera distress

Genista Mackintosh told MPs that deep unhappiness and distress, rather than ill health, led her to resign after four months as Royal Opera House chief executive. She said: "Had I continued, I might have become ill"....**Page 8**

Blushing brides

Almost half the couples who choose a traditional white wedding in church already live together, according to government statistics. The proportion rises to three-quarters for those opting for a civil ceremony.....**Page 10**

Nazi hunt

Nazi-hunters claimed that several names on the list of dormant Swiss bank account holders published this week matched those of German war criminals. One was said to be an aide to Adolf Eichmann.....**Page 12**

Final journey

The Italian Air Force is to fly the body of Joseph O'Dell from America to Sicily after last-minute interventions by the Pope and the Rome Government failed to halt his execution in Virginia....**Page 14**

BUSINESS

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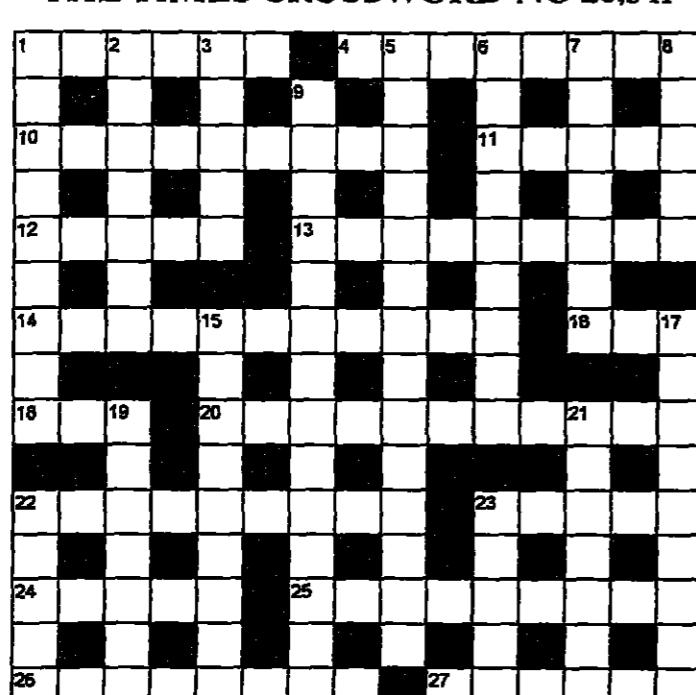
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The different faces — and jobs — of Sir Colin Marshall



Man for the jobs: Sir Colin with Philip Cushing, chief executive of Incheape; meeting Director-General Adair Turner and Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, at the CBI; with Bob Ayling, chief executive at BA

By JON ASHWORTH

ANOTHER day, another board meeting for Sir Colin Marshall, who yesterday added to his impressive collection of directorships.

Sir Colin, President of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), and a man with a penchant

for red ties, has been appointed chairman-designate of Siebe, the UK engineering group. He succeeds Barrie Stephens, who steps down as chairman next year after presiding over years of spectacular growth. Siebe's shares, 271p in 1993, closed at £10.15 yesterday.

Sir Colin's succession has been

planned with care, so as not to frighten his secretary. He joins the board in January, but fully succeeds Mr Stephens in May, coinciding with the end of his two-year term as CBI president. This aside, he is hardly lacking in appointments (or directors' fees), earning £267,000 last year as non-executive

chairman of British Airways, and adorning multifarious boards.

Sir Colin, who will be 64 in November, is non-executive chairman of Incheape, deputy chairman of British Telecommunications, and a non-executive director of HSBC Holdings. He is also a director of the New York Stock

Exchange and of Qantas, the Australian airline.

Speaking from his office in London's Berkeley Square yesterday, Sir Colin said he thrived in his various roles: "I find that under present circumstances I'm able to cope, I think, reasonably well. I'm a person who has been accustomed to

putting in quite long hours, and I'm perfectly happy and perfectly healthy to keep on doing it. And I enjoy doing it."

The CBI role, for which Sir Colin is not paid, takes up "quite a fair bit" of his time. Many of his evenings are taken up with speaking engagements.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FTSE 100	4862.9	(-11.6)
FTSE All share	2,918.4	(-4.63)
Nikkei	20266.23	(+15.52)
New York	9018.44	(-69.92)*
Dow Jones	928.98	(-7.58)*
S&P Composite		

2.00% US RATE

Federal Funds	5.1%*	(5.1%)
Long Bond	102.1%	(102.1%)
Yield	6.44%*	(6.43%)

LONDON MONEY

3-month Interbank	6.0%*	(6.0%*)
Little long gilt future (Sep)	115.1%	(115.1%)

STERLING

New York	1.6735*	(1.6790)
London		
DM	1.6733	(1.6912)
DM	3.0631	(3.0720)
FF	10.3300	(10.3590)
FF	2.5058	(2.4989)
Yen	194.07	(194.82)
E Index	106.3	(106.6)

SSS DOLLAR

London	1.8295*	(1.8280)
DM	1.6755*	(1.6560)
FF	1.4995*	(1.4855)
Yen	115.86*	(115.67)
S Index	104.7	(104.5)
Tokyo close Yen	115.81	

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Oct)	\$18.45	(\$18.40)
London close.....	\$22.85	(\$324.45)

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Cookson believes it has £500 million at its disposal to buy new businesses. The industrial group is in advanced discussion to sell two businesses.

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Inspirations, the ailing tour operator run by Vic Fatah, is to be acquired by Carlson, the American hospitality group in a recommended offer valuing the company at £42 million. Page 28

Arnault digs in on drinks merger

By DOMINIC WALSH

BERNARD ARNAULT, the LVMH chief who controls more than 10 per cent of Guinness and Grand Metropolitan, said yesterday he was determined to thwart the planned £2.4 billion merger rather than compromise his stand.

M Arnault said the principle of his proposal, which envisages a separately quoted company combining LVMH's Moët Hennessy with the drinks arms of Guinness and GrandMet, was "not negotiable". However, it appeared last night that the two British companies may be able to push through the merger even if M Arnault tries to block it.

The only element he was open to discussion on was the level of LVMH's stake in the new drinks company, put at a hefty 35 per cent in his scheme.

This week there have been suggestions that Guinness and GrandMet, to be renamed GMG Brands after the merger, would be happy to pursue a three-way drinks tie-up provided the new business remained a subsidiary of GMG.

But M Arnault, in London yesterday to gain support from institutional shareholders, said: "It does not make sense to give up control of GMG. He accepted that a collapse of the merger would cause share in both British companies to fall. "I'm never happy to see the price of shares go down, but we are prepared to do what we have to do." The merger proposal put forward by Guinness and GrandMet, taking in Pillsbury food, Guinness Brewing and Burger King, made no sense, he reiterated.

His own proposal, submitted to GMG last week, argues that food, restaurants and brewing should be spun off as individually quoted com-

panies. Combining the three drinks companies would result in additional annual cost savings of £65 million over and above the £175 million identified by GMG.

M Arnault said he would only agree to the GMG merger if there was a binding agreement that they would be spun off within a short period of time, possibly a year. However, he said he had been advised that such a promise would be impossible for Guinness and GrandMet to give, as it would require shareholder approval.

In the next few days, Guinness and GrandMet will issue a formal response to M Arnault. However, most analysts expect its line to vary little from the initial response which dismissed the Frenchman's scheme as "a complicated and costly break-up" that would give him "back-door control without paying a premium".

Such a response looks likely to have grave consequences. "We are open to discussion. But if the management of Guinness and GrandMet does not agree we will have to adjust our position," said M Arnault.

The clear implication was that he would instruct BZW, the broker, to raise LVMH's stake in GrandMet closer to the 25 per cent needed to block the merger.

On Tuesday, he raised it to 11.05 per cent and has now cut his Guinness stake to 12.3 per cent. Last night, however, one analyst pointed out that by altering the terms of the merger, it could be pushed through with just 51 per cent of GrandMet shareholder support.

But LVMH said: "However you look at it, someone with a 25 per cent stake is calling the shots."

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Elizabeth Forsyth, who is to seek damages from Polly Peck, at the High Court yesterday

Forsyth to seek damages from PPI administrator

By JON ASHWORTH

ELIZABETH FORSYTH, former aide to Asil Nadir, the fugitive businessman, was planning her business comeback yesterday after the High Court threw out a long-running civil action against her.

Mrs Forsyth, 60, was cleared to seek damages from the administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI), the defunct fruits-to-electronics group, which was criticised for failing to lift a freezing order over her bank accounts.

Deloitte & Touche, the joint PPI administrators, said on Wednesday that it was dropping the action against Mrs

Forsyth, who served ten months in prison after being convicted of handling £400,000 in stolen PPI funds. Her conviction was quashed in March but the administrators initially decided to continue the civil action.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe, the presiding judge, said yesterday that after Mrs Forsyth's conviction was quashed the administrators should have taken a "rapid decision" on whether to release the injunction and discontinue the proceedings against her.

Mark Blackett-Ord, representing Mrs Forsyth, told the

court that it was an "abuse of process" to obtain the injunction and not proceed with it, and there was "no justification" for the six-month delay.

The judge ordered the administrators to pay Mrs Forsyth's legal costs on a punitive indemnity basis and ordered an inquiry into any damages she might have suffered because of the delay in lifting the injunction.

Mrs Forsyth said after the hearing: "At last I shall be able to get on with my life." She added that she would now seek work in the financial services sector or with a trust fund.

Economists wary of early rate rise

By ALASDAIR MURRAY
AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE Bank of England should resist making another immediate rate rise, a group of economists said yesterday.

The shadow monetary policy committee, set up to monitor the Bank's new monetary policy committee, said that after three consecutive rises it is time to pause and reassess the direction of monetary policy.

Committee members — who include Professor Tim Congdon, Professor

Patrick Minford and Sir Alan Walters — did not rule out the need for interest rate rises later in the year, but said that the exchange rate was "an important consideration" at the moment and that the impact of windfall payoffs was likely to be only temporary.

The committee's stance was backed

by the Confederation of British Industry, which described the prospect of further rate rises as "unwelcome" as evidence begins to emerge that the strong pound is hurting exporters. CBI yesterday said that sterling's strength

would knock about £150 million off profits this year, with two thirds of the loss arising from a fall in exports.

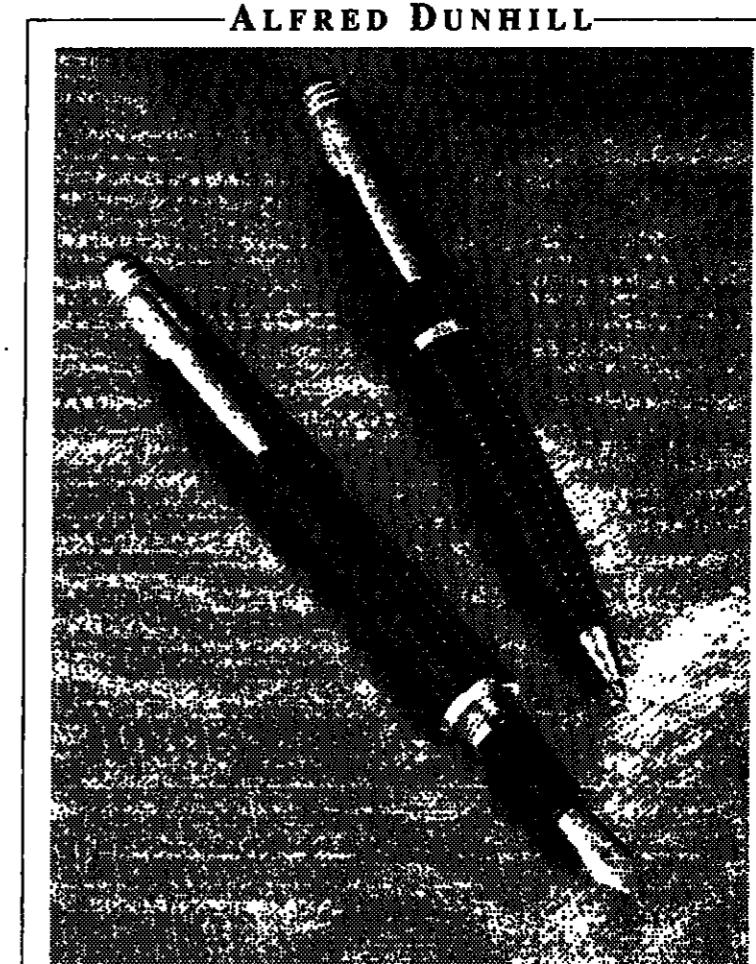
The CBI's latest industrial trends survey showed export confidence at its lowest for 17 years, and export orders at their fastest rate since October 1991. Export orders are expected to continue to fall over the next four months, though at a slower rate. CBI analysts believe that companies are reducing profit margins in order to maintain market share. The pound

closed at DM3.0625 and \$1.6732 yesterday.

The widening in the trade deficit predicted by the CBI survey has yet to emerge in official data. The global deficit for May narrowed to £508 million, compared with £989 million in April, boosted by a £76 million surplus with EU countries. However, the deficit for non-EU countries in June, grew to £713 million, mainly because of a fall in exports.

Economists said it is only a matter of time before the trade balance declines.

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Society rejects rebel calls for new vote

By ADAM JONES

THE Nationwide Building Society yesterday ruled out a referendum on becoming a bank amid anger from some members who argue that the issue has not been satisfactorily considered.

The society also said that £1.3 billion was deposited in accounts last month as branches were besieged by windfall speculators.

On Wednesday, candidates seeking election to the board on a conversion platform were resoundingly defeated by an average of about 950,000 votes to 350,000. Nationwide said the vote was an endorsement of mutual status since the would-be directors had made conversion their only platform.

At the annual meeting in London yesterday, Charles Nunneley, chairman, said the debate was over. However, some of the 522 members at the meetings called for a straight vote on conversion. One said: "We had a vote that was for directors, not conversion."

Dissenters said that many had voted against the five pro-conversion candidates because they thought that they would not be suitable board members and not necessarily because of a belief in mutuality.

Michael Hardern, the freelance butler leading a pro-conversion lobby group, has been criticised for erratic behaviour. Yesterday, he left the meeting early saying that he was bored. He said it was likely that he would try again next year, claiming Nationwide had waged a "foul" campaign against him.

After Mr Hardern publicly renounced his pro-conversion stance, the board wrote to members at a cost of £1 million to try to change the minds of previously sympathetic voters. Mr Hardern later returned to his original views.

Other members said that the vote was a powerful reminder of Nationwide's roots in the co-operative movement.

The Nationwide is involved in talks with the Government that could result in secondary legislation to make building societies less vulnerable to the carpet-bagging mayhem that forced it to close its doors temporarily to new depositors.



Charles Miller Smith is surprised at the quality and size of new customer contacts at ICI following the £4.7bn Unilever acquisitions.

Acquisitions spur ICI in face of first-half profits collapse

By PAUL DURMAN

ICI said the speciality chemicals businesses recently acquired from Unilever for £4.7 billion are already attracting new customers because of the part of ICI.

The four Unilever businesses, including the US-based National Starch, had previously found it difficult to win contracts from Unilever's rivals such as Procter & Gamble and Colgate-Palmolive. While Charles Miller Smith, ICI's chief executive, declined to comment on these

two companies, he said the group was "surprised by the quality and size" of the new customer contacts. He said: "Some customers are saying they will buy because [the Unilever businesses] are now part of ICI."

The Unilever deal is one of three big moves that have transformed ICI's business. The intention is to reduce the company's exposure to the industrial chemicals cycle, and to enable it to deliver steady profits growth.

Weak chemical prices in ICI's polyester and tioxide

divisions — which are being sold to DuPont in a £1.8 billion deal announced last week — contributed to a collapse in first-half profits from £367 million to £60 million before tax and exceptional items. The group's second-quarter profit was down from £165 million to £65 million. The polyester and tioxide businesses swung from a £42 million profit to a £49 million loss on substantially reduced sales of £669 million (£833 million).

ICI was also badly hit by the strength of the pound, which cost it £90 million. Alan Spall, chief financial officer, said he expects the currency impact will have risen to £150 million by the end of the year.

The company has maintained its interim dividend at 12.5p a share, which will be paid as a foreign income dividend. Mr Spall expressed ICI's concern about the Government's proposed abolition of "fids" and the ending of tax credits on dividend income. He said: "Some levers have been pulled the ricochet effect of which, two or three years down the track, have not been thought through because

there has not been a proper debate." He said ICI was very worried about the impact on pension schemes.

Paints, which includes Dulux, was a rare bright spot, improving profits from £63 million to £68 million. The acrylics and polyurethane businesses saw profit tumble from £32 million to £42 million. The industrial chemicals division suffered an £80 million fall in profits to £55 million, again blamed on export and pricing difficulties.

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Consumer warning on gas competition

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Gas Consumers Council yesterday gave a warning that the industry might not be ready for the extension of domestic gas competition in Scotland and the North East by the November deadline.

It said that after talks with the regulator it was not convinced that the system was sufficiently robust to deal with the large numbers of people expected to switch suppliers.

Sue Slipman, director of the council, said: "By pushing forward the date of competition, the regulator risks taking the whole concept of gas

competition into disrepute. GCC wants the right balance between early competition, which benefits all consumers and ensures that procedures are of high quality and lead to minimal disruption when consumers transfer."

Two million households in southern England can buy gas from competing suppliers already.

Eileen Marshall, of Ofgas, rejected the criticism. She said: "We are absolutely confident we can deliver competition and deal with the issues that the GCC has raised."

Kingfisher set to swoop on French takeover target



Mulcahy: statement

KINGFISHER, the retail conglomerate, is considering buying the 74 per cent it does not already own of BUT, the French furniture and electrical retailer, for about £225 million. [Sarah Cunningham writes.]

The UK group, which owns Woolworths, Comet, B&Q and the French electricals retail market leader Darty, was forced to make a statement by the French stock exchange after a sharp rise in BUT's shares. They were suspended on Wednesday at Fr335 (about £32).

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B	0.91	10.92
C	0.82	9.84
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C	0.81	9.72

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£ 10,000+	4.55	4.65
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Below £10,000	4.15	4.22
Business Call Account	Gross Rate %	Gross CAR %
£250,000+	4.05	4.13
£ 50,000+	3.85	3.92
£ 10,000+	3.50	3.56
£ 1,000+	3.20	3.25
Below £1,000	2.95	2.99

Client's Call Account	Half Yearly Option	Monthly Option
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£100,000+	4.69	4.75
£ 10,000+	4.10	4.14
£ 2,500+	3.55	3.58
Below £2,500	1.75	1.76

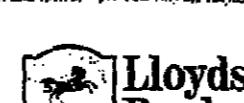
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£ 5,000+	2.80	2.24
£ 500+	2.80	2.08
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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Barclays employees vote to take action

BARCLAYS BANK faces the threat of industrial action after two strike ballots over pay. Members of Unifit, which balloted more than 30,000 Barclays workers, voted by 67 per cent in favour of action short of a strike. However, members of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union (Bifu) voted by 53 per cent in favour of a walkout. The unions claim that the performance-linked pay system would mean a pay freeze for 25,000 employees.

Bifu's Barclays committee is pressing for a two-day strike. The union's executive will decide on action shortly. Jim Lowe, assistant secretary, said: "We want a short sharp campaign that causes the least disruption to customers but gets the message over to Barclays top management". Paul Snowball, general secretary of Unifit, predicted that industrial action was "almost inevitable". A spokesman for Barclays said the bank was pleased that the majority of union members had voted against strike action.

Recovery at Philips

PHILIPS, the Dutch electronics group, enjoyed a sharp recovery in profits in the second quarter. Pre-tax profits rose from £85 million to £200 million in the three months to June 30. Jan Hoornen, finance director, said: "We are operating our facilities at a very high rate of capacity. Demand is excellent for the products that we are associated with, especially the consumer products and also the multimedia chips are doing extremely well."

Pilkington's tough time

PILKINGTON, the glass manufacturer, said that difficult European trading conditions in the second half of last year have continued into the first quarter of this year. At the annual meeting, shareholders were told that glass prices had risen from their low point at the end of March but remained "relatively subdued". The company said a big restructuring of its European automotive glazing business is under way. It involves a 20 per cent reduction in its European workforce.

Zeneca's drug forecast

ZENECA, the pharmaceuticals group, said it does not expect fresh difficulties securing further regulatory approvals for its new asthma drug, in spite of health problems that some US users have suffered. Zeneca has told US doctors that a handful of the 250,000 to 300,000 Americans on Accolate tablets have had symptoms including breathing difficulties and heart problems. Zeneca suggests they may arise because several asthma sufferers cut their intake of other medications.

Ted Baker's smart start

SHARES in Ted Baker, the fashion company, went to a 4½ p premium in first-day trading yesterday. Charterhouse Tilney placed 19.26 million shares with 40 institutions at 135p each. They ended the day at 139½p. Ray Kelvin, founder and chief executive of the company, is keeping 45 per cent. He took a £1 million one-off payment before the float. The total of shares in circulation is 41.26 million. At the placing price, the market capitalisation was £55.7 million.

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Goldman Sachs — which boasts Gavin Davies, many people's favoured candidate as the next deputy governor of the Bank of England, as one of its partners — is a great fan of performance-related pay.

One bond trader — employed with a basic salary of £40,000 — picked up a bonus of £950,000 recently. The current deputy governor, Howard Davies, takes over as chairman of the Securities and Investments Board a week today, just as the SIB starts questioning whether this is actually a sensible way to pay people in the City.

Sir Andrew Large should know a few things about this. He used to run the London arm of Swiss Bank Corporation — one of the most aggressive firms in the City — and is widely tipped to take the particular hot seat of chief executive at NatWest Markets. He is not attacking fat cat pay — but wondering if the City fat cats are getting the right sort of return for the right sort of work. If a trader sells a five-year interest rate option to another bank, should he be paid for this hard work now or when the contract is finished? The bank might run into trouble before the option matures, the market could move wildly against the deal or any sort of factors could affect the transaction. The SIB says: look at the risks of this deal, and hedge the exposure. This might make the deal less profitable and give the trader a smaller bonus than

year, but it may save you from shocks in a few years' time. And the SIB goes further. It says if you are the boss of the firm, and you allow a pay structure that encourages traders to take unnecessary risks, then you shoulder as much blame as the traders.

This is an overdue and welcome move, coming with an initiative to make companies define who is responsible for what. This means that if your rogue trader in Singapore is going crazy in the derivatives markets, you know exactly who should be looking over his shoulder. Should anything go wrong, then both the firm and the SIB will know who to blame. But there should be less chance of things going wrong because the SIB will come and look at a firm's structure every few months and say: "Does this person know enough about this subject to understand what his subordinates are up to?"

The only trouble the SIB has will be implementing this. It is facing a tricky conversion into the grand regulator of all beings — taking over the roles of the Bank of England, SFA, PIA, Imro and all. As a statutory regulator it will have to act at all

Sir Andrew's elegant solution



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times within the framework of the commercial law — unlike the SFA or PIA, which work under the principle: "You are a member of our club, abide by the rules." And, as a report from the lawyers Herbert Smith commissioned by the SIB points out, the law is a blunt instrument in regulation. The SIB will tell the Treasury next week how it thinks this particular circle can be squared. One hopes Sir Andrew can find an elegant solution.

The Impulse driving new ICI

Athe advertisement says: "Men can't help acting on impulse." The idea being that the perfume — made by Unilever — makes men want to buy flowers for women wearing the scent. At Unilever Charles Miller Smith was responsible for manufacturing Impulse. Once at ICI he bought the Unilever

business and now ICI smells like a different company.

Since it was formed in 1927, ICI has been the very embodiment of the heavy chemicals industry, the belittler of British industry that made the raw materials for the people who make the products which made Britain great. It is now suddenly the company that makes Tommy Girl, a fragrance from Tommy Hilfiger, the overhyped American designer. This is a breath of fresh air round at ICI's Millbank headquarters — although as one spokesman put it yesterday: "We're still trying to get our heads around some of this poncy stuff."

Tommy Girl is one small example of the extent of the changes that Mr Miller Smith has made at ICI over the past three months. In from Unilever have come Quest, the fragrance and flavouring business, and National Starch, which makes speciality starches and industrial

adhesives. Out to Dupont have gone polyester polymers and titanium dioxide.

One important benefit is that much more of ICI's business will be in areas that investors can actually understand — such as paints, detergents and food. Goodness gracious, ICI is nearly in the consumer good business. It has always had Dulux paints but how many of us can name any other product in which ICI has had a hand.

This move up the value chain, as Mr Miller Smith describes it, means it will no longer be necessary to try to remember exactly for what toxiode or polyethylene terephthalate are used.

The ICI that emerges will stand a much better chance of producing steady growth. It will also be much less exposed to the currency swings that are doing so much

damage to this year's results. The company will not be so reliant on exports as more of its output is produced close to local markets. Mr Miller Smith is planning substantial communications programmes to explain the extent of these changes to his own employees and the wider world.

Goodbye old Imperial Chemical Industries, hello new ICI.

Paying Arnault to go away

Bernard Arnault's plan for a three-way merger of his wines and spirits interests with Guinness and Grand Metropolitan would have more appeal if it were not clear that he would control it. UK investors

have only to look at the easy way M Arnault treats LVMH assets to see that being an outsider in a company that he effectively controls would be a bad idea.

Spirits have more in common with up-market stout than with luxury luggage. But the logic of putting Guinness and GrandMet together as GMG Brands rests only on cutting costs and gaining market power in spirits. The UK groups cooked up their merger from stock

market weakness. They need to take the initiative now if they are to escape the web being woven by M Arnault. His stake in GrandMet need not be a blocking minority if other shareholders are united. The merger could also be remade more expensively as a takeover.

Leaving M Arnault as an aggrieved partner is not, however, likely to appeal to shareholders. Lots of Guinness assets are subject to his machinations.

The answer may be to adopt M Arnault's alternative strategy, buying part or all of LVMH's drinks interests in a way that takes him out of the picture. If Guinness and GrandMet are to avoid paying through the nose for this, they need to work harder to restore the credibility of their own plan. They must also remember that they are not yet GMG Brands, but separate companies with separate shareholders.

United front

IN Manchester today Sir Desmond Pitcher will attempt to soothe United Utilities shareholders after the departure of Brian Staples, the chief executive. Expect questions about the structure of the board, succession and Sir Desmond's general management style. Apparently he will reveal a "high profile" non-executive appointment. Let's hope this is someone who has never been on the board of the Merseyside Development Corporation.

Cookson in selling and buying mood

BY CARL MORRISHED

RICHARD OSTER, chief executive of Cookson, the industrial group, said yesterday it would have £500 million at its disposal to buy new businesses. The company, which announced unchanged pre-tax profits of £85 million for the half year to June, is in advanced discussion to sell two businesses.

Mr Oster said: "That will reduce gearing to the mid 20 per cent level, leaving us flexibility to borrow £250 million. We can generate another £250 million over the next five years from cashflow."

Mr Oster is to become chairman of the group when Robert Malpas, 70, retires in October. The chief executive's job will go to Steve Howard, currently joint managing director, who was in competition with Donald Carcieri, joint managing director.

Mr Carcieri will retire from the board at the end of the year. Mr Malpas indicated that Mr Carcieri would receive full compensation in accordance with his two-year

contract. Including bonuses, Mr Carcieri earned £935,000 last year. Two years' basic salary would total £766,000.

Group profits were hurt by the 7 per cent increase in sterling against the dollar. At constant exchange rates profits would have been up 9 per cent over the half year.

Order books are growing at Cookson's electronic materials business, which had suffered from the downturn in the personal computer industry.

Organic sales growth was 9 per cent in the first half, but the company indicated that growth rose from 2 per cent in the first quarter to 13 per cent in the past three months. However, prices and margins remained under pressure and profits in the division rose only 4 per cent to £33 million.

Cookson is raising the dividend 5 per cent to 4.1p per share after a 9 per cent rise in earnings to 8.7p a share.

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Boots price takes step backwards

BY SARAH CUNNINGHAM

BOOTS shares fell yesterday after a strong run on disappointing news on trading. First-quarter sales at Boots Healthcare International (BHI), the over-the-counter medicine manufacturing arm, rose 5.9 per cent like-for-like and 13 per cent in total. At Do It All, the do-it-yourself chain, like-for-like sales increased only 2.4 per cent.

Analysts said that they had been expecting total sales from BHI of at least 20 per cent because of a round of international product launches.

Halford's same store sales growth of 3.4 per cent was also poorly received. Boots The Chemists pleased with 5.1 per cent like-for-like growth, while Boots Opticians showed a 24.1 per cent same store increase in sales.

Boots shares, which peaked recently at 825p after climbing from a low in December of 591p, fell 29p to 787p yesterday.

Ernie to pay extra £2m in prizes

BY ANNE ASHWORTH

AN EXTRA £2 million will be distributed in Premium Bond prizes from November. There will also be rate increases on several National Savings investment schemes, after criticism that rates were becoming uncompetitive as they had failed to respond to the recent base-rate rises.

However, rates on National Savings five-year fixed-rate products are not being raised as they are now linked to the yields on gilt-edged stocks, which have weakened.

National Savings is raising the Premium Bond "interest rate" from 4.75 per cent to 5 per cent. This is the percentage of cash invested in bonds paid out in monthly prizes. At the same time, Ernie will be distributing fewer £50 prizes but increasing the number in the £100 to £500 range.

The Income Bond rate will be 0.5 per cent better from September 5, while the Investment Account rate will rise by 0.2 per cent to 0.35 per cent, from August 8.

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Wembley faces \$22.8m theatre tickets bill

WEMBLEY, the operator of London's largest football stadium, has lost a \$22.8 million (£13.6 million) law suit over the failure of an American theatre ticket venture set up six years ago. (Fraser Nelson writes).

The company said yesterday that it had spent £2 million in legal fees arguing that it was not liable for the collapse of a joint venture with MovieFone, its former American partner, to provide theatre tickets around New Jersey.

Wembley sold 50 per cent of the venture to Ticket Master, which

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MICHAEL CLARK

Salvesen a weaker target one year after Hays bid

SHARES of Christian Salvesen, the logistics group, have fallen sharply in the year since rival Hays dropped its 39p a share bid and City speculators say that could be the group's undoing.

The Salvesen price was picking up speed yesterday, rising 13p to 296½p, but remains well below the original offer price. The speculators know that Hays, 2½p off at 570p, is free to relaunch its assault within a few weeks and this time it may not meet such fierce resistance.

Despite the stock market's record-breaking run and promises by the Salvesen board to improve shareholder value, the group's performance has left much to be desired. At these levels, Salvesen carries a price tag of £722 million, compared with the £1.14 billion Hays priced the business at.

In September, the group is due to demerge its Aggreko equipment hire arm, but those institutions that burnt their fingers as a result of Hays's decision to pull out may see another bid as the more attractive alternative.

The equity market never really looked like holding on to its early gains yesterday. They were inspired by the latest trade figures which showed the pound making little impact on exporters. But when Wall Street opened lower, it proved the signal for profit-takers to move in. In thin trading the FTSE 100 index reversed an early 23.2 rise to finish 11.6 down on the day at 4,862.20. Turnover reached 806 million shares.

Boots numbered 29p to 787p after its latest sales figures failed to live up to expectations and Kingfisher dropped 15p to 701½p after starting talks to buy a controlling interest in BUT, the French electrical retailer.

The buyers came in for trouble from United Utilities, up 19½p to 731p, ahead of today's annual meeting.

Entangled Grand Metropolitan rose 2p to 619p and Guinness 4½p to 598½p with LVMH boss Bernard Arnault very much holding the upper hand. He was telling City institutions yesterday of his determination to block their proposed £24 billion merger. He wants to merge their drinks interests with those of LVMH.

After some clever share manoeuvring, he now has a



Richard Oster, of Cookson, 8½p higher on good results

big enough stake in both companies to call a special meeting to put forward his proposals. Yesterday he sold a further three million Guiness while topping up his stake in GrandMet with 250,000 shares.

Granada rose 17p to 784p after some encouraging comments from Lehman Brothers, the US securities house. Lehman was also said to be taking

a positive line on Reuters, up 20p at 6181½p, after Wednesday's figures.

ICI fell 17p to 908p after its interim figures received a lukewarm reception from the Square Mile. With the strong pound expected to make a £150 million dent in profits this year, analysts are now looking to downgrade their forecasts for the full year. Last week the group sold its bulk chemical

operation to DuPont for £2 billion to help to finance the acquisition of Unilever's specialist chemicals business.

Half-year profits from Cookson Group, where Richard Oster is chief executive, came in at the top end of expectations and the shares responded with a rise of 8½p at 233p.

There was an early markdown in shares of Zeteca with the price touching 201.15 before rallying hard to reduce the deficit to 10½p at 205.2½. It followed reports that the US Food & Drug Administration was warning doctors that Accolate, the company's latest oral asthma treatment, caused potentially lethal side-effects in a small number of cases.

Pilkington firmed 1½p to 131½p after announcing plans for another round of rationalisation and write-offs.

Sir Nigel Rudd, chairman, told shareholders at the annual meeting that trading conditions remained difficult.

AIM-listed Stanford Roak jumped 25p to 550p as its skin cancer treatment SRL 172 passed safety trials.

Terms of an agreed £42 million bid from Carlson Leisure lifted Inspirations 10p to 71½p. The cash offer is worth 75p a share.

Gremlyn Group made a disappointing start to trading on the "big board" with the shares ending up at a discounted 146½p after a placing at 159p.

Ted Baker managed to achieve a modest premium in first-time dealings. Placed at 135p, the shares opened at 137½p before touching a high for the day of 140½p. They settled at 139½p.

□ GILT-EDGED: There was a flattening of the yield curve as London responded badly to the latest batch of domestic economic numbers and the bigger than expected fall in the US jobless.

In futures, the September series of the long gilt lost seven ticks at £111½p as 75,000 contracts were completed.

In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 lost £1½p to £111½p, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000 was a tick better at £102½p.

□ NEW YORK: US shares retreated, extending losses amid profit-taking and weakness in the technology sector.

The Dow Jones Industrial average, which rose over the previous two days, was down 69.92 points to midday at 7,508.44.

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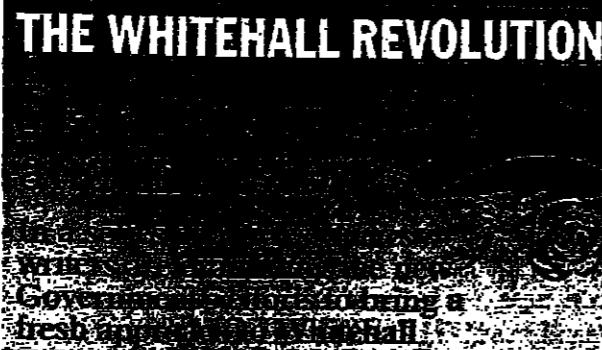
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DTI at core of Labour's drive to forge partnership with business



By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

WHEN Britain's top bosses were breakfasted at 11 Downing Street recently, their relief was obvious — not necessarily to be talking to a Labour government again, but to be talking to a government at all.

If the dying years of the Conservative Government saw the Tories not talking much to business, then the first months of the Labour Government are starting to see the forging of the new partnership between business and government that Tony Blair wants.

The Department of Trade and Industry, headed by Margaret Beckett as President of the Board of Trade, is the central Whitehall department for that new partnership. Yet in the past few Whitehall ministries have had to justify themselves as much as the DTI.

Other departments, such as the Treasury, are flashier. Others, like agriculture, are just duller. But the DTI? What do its 9,000 civil servants do? What is their job? — to run business instead of business running itself? What is the DTI?

Such searching questions were commonplace in the Conservative years — an era in which DTI bosses such as Lord Ridley and Peter Lilley were running a department for which, ideologically, they saw no justification. While they saw a clear job for the DTI in, for example, promoting British exports, or winning overseas business, they viewed as abhorrent what they saw as the department's meddling in business matters best left to business itself.

Oddly enough, it is not Labour's arrival at the DTI that reshaped the department, but that of Michael Heseltine as President of the Board of Trade. With his declared creed

of intervening before breakfast, lunch and dinner, if necessary, Mr Heseltine transformed the DTI into a department battling for business in government — and one bringing the Government's priorities to business.

After the largely water-treading regime of Ian Lang, Labour has now restored to the DTI the core of its work. Mr Heseltine took his favourite subject of competitiveness — a new name for the DTI's traditional job of improving the performance of Britain's companies — off to the Cabinet Office when he became Deputy Prime Minister to John Major.

Mr Blair has put the issue of competitiveness back into the DTI. The department's officials expected in return to lose some of the work they had gained when Mr Major scrapped the Department of Employment in 1995, including responsibility for industrial relations.

But Mr Blair made it clear soon after arriving in Downing Street that such a plan was not what he wanted for the DTI. He did not want one department at Employment for the unions and the DTI as the department for the other side of industry. Instead, he wanted a partnership approach to business, between government, employers and employees — and it would be the DTI's job to deliver it with the clear aim of improving Britain's industrial competitiveness.

That is why, for the DTI, its seemingly disparate brief hangs together, why its job of implementing a minimum wage sits with cutting out unnecessary regulations that bind business: why a policy of promoting competition and opposing anti-competitive practices fits with bringing in new European-inspired laws

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	
MARGARET BECKETT: President of the Board of Trade MP for Derby South, aged 54, Labour's senior and most respected woman. Fought Tony Blair and John Prescott for party leader and deputy leader jobs after running the party in the wake of John Smith's death. Cool, competent, and diligent, she has already won approval from DTI officials on how she is handling the job.	LORD SIMON OF HIGHBURY: Competitiveness Minister The appointment of the former BP chairman was seen as a coup for Tony Blair in his quest for business support. But Lord Simon, 57, minister at both the DTI and the Treasury, has been dogged by a Conservative-stoked row about his continued holding of shares in his former company.
LORD CLINTON-DAVIS: Trade Minister Aged 68, ex-MP for Hackney Central and a trade minister in the last Labour government.	JOHN BATTLE: Energy Minister Aged 46, MP for Leeds West. Ernest John Prescott soundalike. Background is in social issues, and especially housing. Day to day responsibility for telecommunications recently taken over by Barbara Roche.
IAN McCARTNEY: Industry Minister Aged 46, MP for Macclesfield. Pugnacious and hard-working, managed brilliant by-election campaign in Wirral South which foreshadowed Labour's general election victory. Former seaman and chef, spent early 1970s unemployed. Pre-election, laid careful groundwork for Blair's plan for a national minimum wage.	BARBARA ROCHE: Small Firms Minister Aged 43. Like Ian McCartney, another representative of Little Labour, the diminutive MP for Hornsey and Wood Green transformed issue of small business from a traditional Labour no-go area. Highly regarded by business groups.
NIGEL GRIFFITHS: Consumer Affairs Minister Aged 42, MP for Edinburgh South. Castigated by opponents for being overkeen and obsessed by publicity, Griffiths obtained a formidable string of leaked policy papers while in opposition, to Conservatives' great discomfort. Apparently tireless, is distracting officials by regularly staying in the office until the small hours.	MICHAEL SCHOLAR: Permanent Secretary Aged 55, widely liked and respected, revitalised department since replacing dry-as-dust predecessor Sir Peter Gregson last year. Ex-Cambridge, Berkeley, Harvard, a Treasury mandarin transplanted to DTI and maintaining close Treasury links.
LORD HOLLIK: special adviser Aged 52, the United News and Media chief executive is part-time adviser to Mrs Beckett on industrial policy. Co-founded IPPR think-tank, and is a now a key link to business.	SHEILA WATSON: special adviser Aged 31, long-standing Beckett staffer and former Institute for Fiscal Studies researcher.
DAN CORRY: special adviser Aged 37, ex-Treasury economist, was economic head at Institute for Public Policy Reform, Blaire think-tank.	

governing the maximum hours people will be allowed to work. Such issues do not fit the Conservatives' definition of competitiveness. They have demanded a shift in thinking in the DTI's many offices along London's Victoria Street. That has been helped by Michael Scholar's arrival a year ago as the DTI's Permanent Secretary — its chief civil servant.

In the Heseltine years, officials working on subjects such as competitiveness and privatising the Post Office

had close access to him. Those who did not had to make do with the ossified lines of communication up to Mr Scholar's predecessor. With a fresh approach from Mr Scholar, and much closer contact from Margaret Beckett's ministers, that has changed. Morale has improved. The new approach will be set out shortly in a new statement of aims and values for the department.

But such issues demand, too, a similar shift in thinking in the companies with which the DTI deals — that White-

hall officials with whom they have talked for many years about issues promoted by the Conservative Government are now promoting with equal vigour subjects such as trade union recognition and the minimum wage, which business, in general, views as unhelpful.

Business leaders are already seeing some changes. Mr Heseltine scrapped the old National Economic Development Council, set up by the Conservatives in the early Sixties to bring together employers and

unions to help to run the economy. New Labour does not want NEDC, or anything like it, back, but Mrs Beckett this week formed a new competitive advisory group, with the heads of the CBI and TUC and union and business leaders to offer guidance on key economic issues. Ministers emphasise its informality, but the line between new-style partnership and old-style tripartite corporatism may have to be closely policed.

Mrs Beckett is not afraid of Labour's past. In a speech this week she even used the term "industrial policy" — the first time such a phrase has been uttered by a minister without any accompanying derision since the late Seventies. Individual issues such as competition policy, or the minimum wage, may cause ruffles from time to time in the new relationship between the Labour Government and business — and even carry the risk of ruptures. But Mrs Beckett knows the new agenda of partnership that the Government wants to pursue with business and is confident that business wants to pursue it too.

The In-Tray

• **Competitiveness.** Now back in DTI, Margaret Beckett is keen to maintain a government drive to improve the performance of British companies and to make real Labour's rhetoric on a new partnership with business. White Paper due next year.

• **Utilities.** Review of regulation of privatised utilities like gas, water and electricity

companies under way. Green Paper likely by end of the year. Aim is to change utilities framework to give greater priority to consumers.

• **Competition policy.** As well as decisions on cases like Bass's plan to acquire Carlsberg, consultative Green Paper on competition expected shortly. Bill due in the autumn. Aim is to prohibit anti-competitive agreements and abuse of market power by companies.

• **Minimum wage.** Low Pay Commission chaired by business academic Professor George Bain will recommend, probably next spring.

Britain's first-ever national minimum wage as legislation goes through Parliament to give it statutory force.

• **Post Office.** Yet another review of Post Office, this time on how, rather than whether, to give it the greater commercial freedom it wants — but not to privatise it. Strikes also looming again in Royal Mail this winter.

• **Employment law.** White Paper due before the end of the year on Labour's plans — seized on by Conservatives in the election — to enforce, if necessary, statutory recognition of trade unions where a majority of workforce wants it.

Ted Baker buttons up the Blair vote

All cool people wear his shirts, Ray Kelvin says. Yesterday his label came to market. Sarah Cunningham takes a look behind the float



Downing Street endorsement for Ted Baker from Nicky and Euan Blair



Kelvin does not advertise brand

The success of yesterday's flotation of Ted Baker was probably ensured in May when the new Prime Minister's sons, Nicky and Euan Blair, were pictured wearing Ted Baker clothing as they entered 10 Downing Street for the first time.

The Downing Street connection carries on for Ray Kelvin, the fast-talking 45-year-old behind the label. He has been invited there next week, and, as often happens, the officials sending the invitation were not clear who they were meant to send the invitation to. They rang to ask: should it be Mr and Mrs Ray Kelvin or Mr and Mrs Ted Baker?

Kelvin claims that it is not only the Blair children who wear Ted Baker shirts, but the Prime Minister himself — because "all cool people wear them. We've pitched just right and it fits in with the Blair's image". This is classic Kelvin talk: he did not make himself worth more than £40 million from the flotation — he was given a £3 million one-off payment, sold about £125 million of shares and kept another £26 million worth by letting Ted Baker be underrated.

His sales patter and the steady flow of publicity from events such as the Blair photographs make up for the fact that Ted Baker does not advertise. This is very unusual for a fashion brand, although, as Kelvin points out, "Marks & Spencer did not advertise until a few years ago."

Turning Ted Baker into a

next M&S is not on the cards, however. There are no plans to open more shops in the UK, where there are now just seven. Kelvin says that this is because he wants to develop the wholesale rather than retail side of the business, and turn Ted Baker into an international brand.

His plans for the business, which also includes expanding the women's wear operation and developing the new Edward Baker line, were endorsed yesterday by the City, which pushed the shares up from the placing price of 135p to 139½ p. The institutions were impressed not by the

image, he says, but by the margins. "Not many companies make £4 million operating profit on £14 million of turnover," he said.

Until yesterday, the company has been as unwilling to advertise the placement as it is to advertise the clothes. Kelvin has been unavailable to

talk to the press and, his publicists said, was busy touring the institutions. The patter seemed to do the trick and 40 of them have taken up the shares. "Ted was pleased," Kelvin says.

The money Kelvin himself will make is not, he claims, going to change his life. So far

his only plan is to "buy a new fishing rod" and ensure he has plenty of time to spend with his wife, Georgia, and their two boys, aged two-and-a-half years and fourteen months.

The millions follow 20 years of hard work, he says. Born in Enfield, North London, he attended a business studies course at Middlesex Polytechnic for one year before dropping out and setting himself up in business. He ran a women's wear manufacturing business for ten years, making private label clothes for mainstream high street retailers. It did not make him happy. "I did not enjoy working with the retailers and knew I would enjoy developing brands." So does he enjoy it? "I'm in love."

Ted Baker has not had the smoothest of histories, however. Kelvin founded it in 1988 and sold out to A Goldberg, a Scottish retail chain, as part of a £1.1 million package. Goldbergs then went into liquidation, and Kelvin bought the business back in 1990 for about £700,000.

The recent strong sales rise, of 25 per cent in the first 20 weeks of this year, is in part due to the Ted Baker secret weapon: Kelvin's mum, Trudie Kelvin, who in her seventies, works every Wednesday and Saturday at the Ted Baker concession in Harrods. If she spots you, or you ask an innocent question such as the way to the lavatory, you can be sure you'll end up buying a Ted Baker shirt. Kelvin claims proudly,

Old Asia hand

ANOTHER of last May's casualties has hauled himself on to a quoted company's board. Malcolm Rikkind has been made a non-executive director of Ramco Energy. This oil explorer seems to make a habit of putting lost causes out of their misery — a day previously Ramco took over Sir Robert Horton's ailing JXN Oil & Gas. Why Malcolm Rikkind, though, except that both he and Ramco are Scottish?

The company has an interest in a huge oilfield in the Caspian. Rikkind himself has a particular interest in central Asia. Ramco says, I wonder whether, had the oil been in Timbuktu, he would have been similarly fascinated by central Africa? Rikkind points out that the aftermath of the break-up of the Soviet Union was high on the agenda when he was Defence and then Foreign Secretary, and he still knows several heads of state there. Fair enough. But as other rejected Tory grandees trickle through to the boardrooms, one can only hope shareholders will demand a good explanation.

• CLARE SPOTTISWOODE has been awarded an honorary degree in Social Sciences at Brunel University, an establishment with which the Cambridge and Yale-educated gas regulator has only tenuous links but that's honorary degrees for you. Professor Marin Cavé, vice-principal, praised Spottiswoode at yesterday's ceremony for her "grace and humour" and said she had been helped in her job by "not particularly astute decisions made by executives of the companies she regulates over such things as inflated salaries". He then pulled up short, recalling that today's batch of honorary degrees include Sir Peter Bonfield, the "entirely blameless", he said, chief executive of another regulated utility, BT.

Tunnel vision

ROBERT MALPAS is standing down as chairman of Cookson Group in October, when he will have reached the age of 70. But what of Malpas's other chairmanship, as joint head of Eurotunnel? It seems they take a rather less ageist view of things, and there is ample precedent. André Bérard, once the French half of the duo, carried on well into his 70s. Aged 75 next month, he only retired as co-chairman three years ago and left the board last year. Malpas has only been there a year or so. So he could be around a while yet.

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Carlson takes inspirations in £42m deal

By DOMINIC WALSH

INSPIRATIONS. the ailing tour operator run by Vic Fatah, is to be acquired by Carlson, the US hospitality group in a recommended offer valuing the company at £42 million.

Mr Fatah, who floated the company in 1993, will reap about £2.5 million from selling his stake, and will be leaving the company. The board as a whole is pocketing £9.4 million.

The offer values each ordinary share in Inspirations at 75p, compared with the closing price on Wednesday of 61p. The shares gained 10p on news of the deal.

In a separate agreement, British Airways, which holds nearly six million convertible shares, is also selling its stake to Carlson, for £5.5 million.

Inspirations expanded rapidly after its flotation into the UK's fifth biggest tour com-

panies, becoming an integrated operator through the acquisition two years ago of Caledonian Airways from British Airways.

However, its image was tarnished last year when sun-seekers suffered a summer of delays after BA failed to deliver aircraft on time. The dispute ended with BA having to pay Inspirations £6 million in compensation, but the cost of the delays was put at £17 million and pushed the company into losses of £13.2 million last year. Yesterday it said losses for the half year to March 31, had reduced from £13.3 million to £11.7 million, and that no interim dividend would be paid for the time being.

The board admitted the disruption had seriously weakened the company's ability to keep growing, and a sale to Carlson has been widely expected for several months. Last month, Inspirations announced it was in discussions with a potential purchaser.

Carlson, which is doing the deal through its Carlson Leisure Group (UK) subsidiary, intends to use the acquisition as a springboard to rapid expansion in this country. It already operates 409 travel agent shops under the AT Mays brand, of which 92 are owned by Inspirations. The AT Mays name will be rebranded, possibly as World Choice.

Mr Cruickshank said he supported BT's moves to become a global company, but said he had a duty "to make sure that as BT expands its interests overseas it can continue to fulfil its obligations to customers and other telecom operators in the UK."

BT said it was disappointed at the move. A spokeswoman for the group said: "BT will continue to invest in the UK."

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

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Graham Foster, managing director of Eve, the civil engineer, reported a £1.5 million annual pre-tax profit to March 31 (£4.6 million loss). Total payout, 4.5p (ip)

Regulator acts to keep BT in line at home

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Lloyd's funds unveil profits

By GEORGE SIVELL

THREE quoted Lloyd's insurance funds have issued results. Finsbury Underwriting Investment Trust said it will return almost all its underwriting profits to shareholders in a special 10p-a-share dividend on October 2. This absorbs £3.12 million of £3.19 million of net underwriting profits after tax for the 1994 Lloyd's underwriting year. In future, profits will

be returned via special dividends based on profits after tax and perceived profits for future years.

Investors have had a 0.8p interim dividend from Finsbury's other activities. A final is expected when results for the year to June 30 are declared.

Euclidian had pre-tax profits of £1.18 million in the year to March 31 (£683,000 in the pre-

Stake in France for Willis Corroon

By GEORGE SIVELL

WILLIS CORROON is to take a one-third stake in France's largest independent insurance broker, and has entered an option arrangement to emerge with a majority shareholding in years to come.

The move by Willis Corroon to buy 33.36 per cent of Gras Savoie comes at a time of consolidation among world insurance brokers, although the London broker does not want to get caught up in mega-mergers. Nor does it want to go private, like its rival C.F. Heath.

Willis Corroon is paying £41 million cash and transferring Willis Corroon France to Gras Savoie. Willis has also taken a call option that could take its shareholding above 50 per cent after 12 years. A put option giving Gras Savoie shareholders the right to sell three years after completion of the deal has also been agreed.

It is not envisaged that Willis Corroon would ever take 100 per cent of Gras Savoie — or do so to destroy the French character of the business. Gras Savoie is the world's ninth-largest independent insurance broker and operates in 28 countries in Europe and French-speaking Africa.

Willis Corroon expects the French deal to enhance earnings in the first full year. Gras Savoie had gross revenues of £107 million in 1996, against Willis's £735 million.

Willis will have three representatives on the French board.

United Assurance optimistic on sales

NEW business taken by United Assurance, the recently merged United Friendly and Refuge Assurance, fell in the first half of this year because of a shakeout in the joint company's sales force. The United Friendly operation in London is in the process of being moved to Wilmslow, near Manchester, after the £1.4 billion merger. About 640 home sale staff have already left through non-replacement and the company intends to reduce the home sales force from 6,400 at the time of the merger to 4,200 by the end of the restructuring.

Premium and unit trust income fell 4.6 per cent to £31.1 million in the six months to June 30, although single premium life and pension business grew 4.5 per cent to £36.8 million. Unit trust and PEP sales rose 8.2 per cent to £23.8 million. The company said that "it's not been the greatest year" but added that it was an "optimistic story" that will "evolve next year".

Maidenform protection

MAIDENFORM, the US lingerie company, yesterday filed for bankruptcy court protection from its creditors. Brands owned by the privately owned business include Oscar de la Renta and Subtlety. The company will attempt to reorganize its finances under court supervision. Maidenform's troubles are said to stem from poor management of recent acquisitions. Maidenform's weakness is thought to have been inefficiency in manufacturing bras, which may contain up to 20 different pieces.

Abbey bid completed

ABBEY NATIONAL has completed its £191 million bid for Cater Allen, the discount house. The offer was declared unconditional with acceptances in respect of 85.2 per cent of Cater Allen's shares. Cater Allen will now become part of Abbey's Treasury Services arm (ANTS), which deals with wholesale banking and treasury and last year contributed 20 per cent of the group's profits. The Cater Allen name will remain, and the addition of its business will increase ANTS' assets by 20 per cent.

New jobs for Ulster

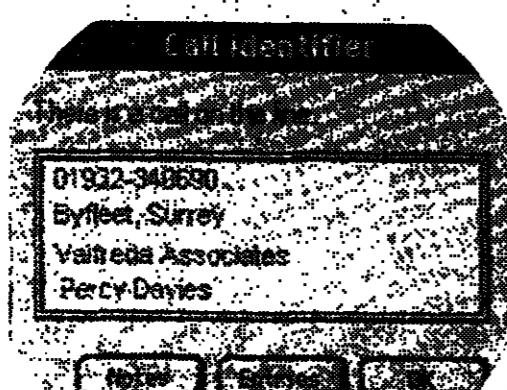
ALMOST 100 jobs are to be created in Londonderry, thanks to £8 million worth of new investments. Saint Brendan's, the Irish Cream Liqueur Company, is investing £6.2 million to expand its export sales and to develop new products in a project that will provide 53 new jobs. Also, E&I Engineering is investing £1.5 million to develop new products and create 45 new jobs. The new employment will be some consolidation to Londonderry after the closure earlier this month of BT Technologies, a US company, with the loss of 600 jobs.

Claremont revamp

CLAREMONT GARMENTS, the clothing manufacturer, is to split the jobs of chairman and chief executive performed by Peter Wiegand and to sell Bellrise, its non Marks & Spencer supply business. Mr Wiegand will continue as chairman and John Gilliat, at present a non-executive, will become chief executive from September 10. As part of the disposal process, David Price, the group technical director, has been given permission to put together a management team to make an offer for Bellrise and has resigned as a director.

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Do it in 10s

Norman Foster's fabulous American Air Museum has taken flight at Duxford. Marcus Binney reports



Space, the final frontier

A child pasting cut-outs into a scrapbook could hardly fit in more bombers and fighters than are crowded dramatically into Sir Norman Foster's new American Air Museum at the Imperial War Museum's collection of historic aircraft in Duxford, Cambridgeshire.

Overhead, First World War bi-planes circle, an F-100 plunges in an attack dive, a U2 spyplane soars on a high altitude mission and a Grumman torpedo bomber (as flown by George Bush) descends with flaps open to land. Others shelter beneath the huge wingspan of the eight-engine B-52 Stratofortress bomber, which sets the dimensions of the whole building.

Of course, the whole idea of an air museum is a conundrum. Aircraft are made to fly.

Walk-through aircraft cabins, or platforms allowing one to peer into cockpits, quickly become boring. At Duxford, however, Foster and the Imperial War Museum create the sense of a giant hangar at the height of a campaign, with aircraft, helicopters, jeeps and missile transporters crowded together. You walk among these gleaming beasts as if you are a pilot or a rear-gunner, ducking under wings, avoiding propellers and making sure a Sidewinder missile doesn't smack you in the eye.

The museum's curators are determined to avoid the usual syndrome of "Hands off, step back and don't put your miserable little mits on our prize fighters". "We want people to have the excitement of being close to these machines," says

the museum's Frank Crosby. "We will discreetly place information boards and display cases anywhere there is a danger of the public walking unaware into something."

In sheer numbers of aircraft

the new display puts Duxford way ahead of its rivals, the RAF Museum at Hendon, the Aerospace Museum at Cosford in the Midlands, and the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton, Somerset.

This is not just a museum of the US Air Force but of all the fighting services.

"We have army helicopters and navy Phantoms from Vietnam, and a Marine Corps B-25 bomber," Crosby says.

Indeed, the official opening — by the Queen next Friday — marks the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the US Air Force, which until 1947 was a branch of the army (something which top military brass writing to *The Times* would like the RAF to be).

The astonishing aspect about the whole display is that, starting from zero funding just ten years ago, enough money has been raised not only for the new building but for the restoration of all the aircraft within it. One reason they are packed so close together is that on the Tarmac outside, in the Cambridgeshire mist, they were rusting as quickly as in a scrapyard.

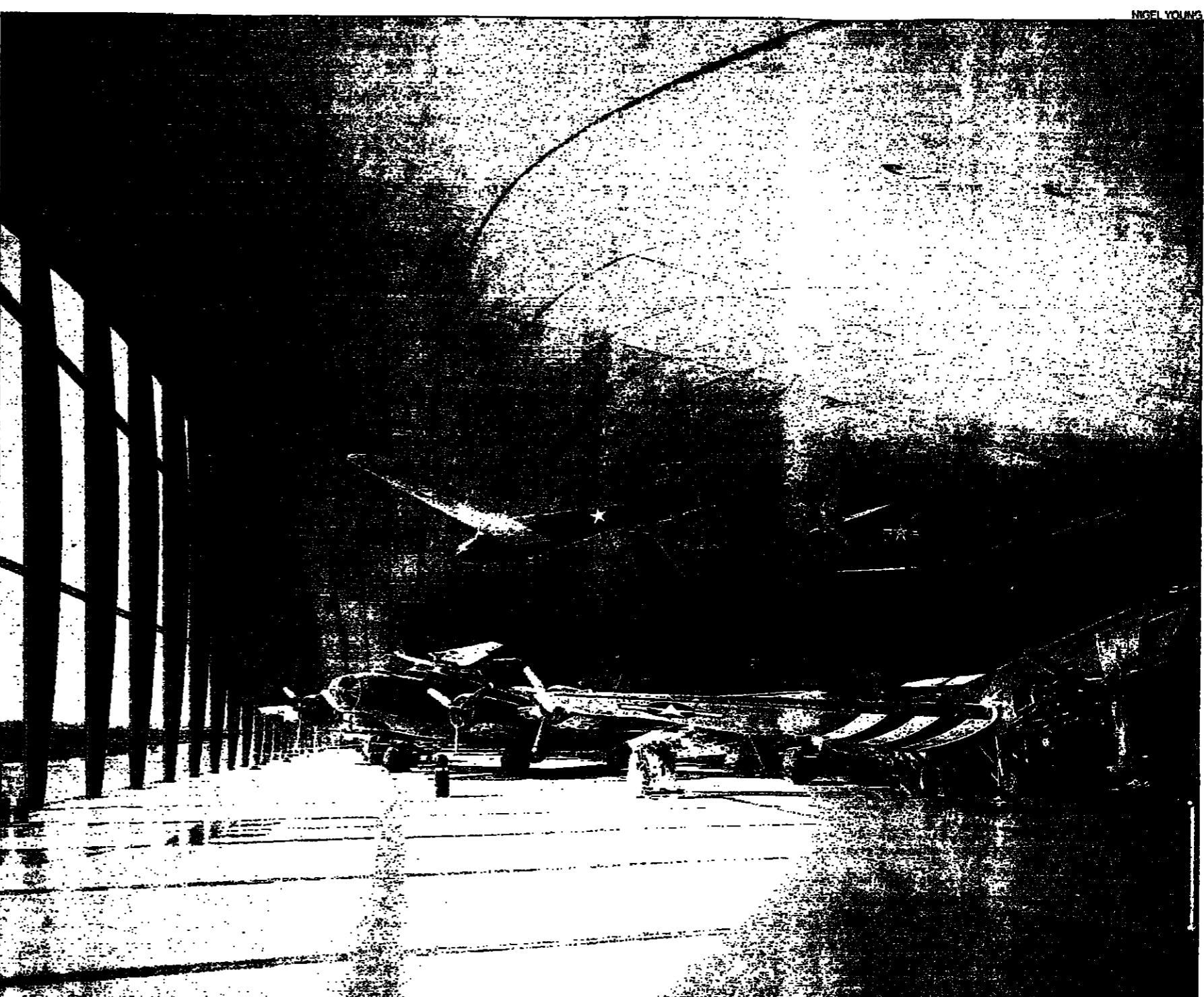
Working to a price tag of £8.4 million for the whole building, Foster throws a welcome question-mark over some lottery projects demanding £20 million-plus for similar spaces. And he also delivers a riposte to all those who assume that because he is the most famous

architect in Britain, he must be the most expensive. "The only way this project could happen was to build at minimum cost," he says. The money was raised through donations from veteran American fighter pilots, and with a grant of £6.5 million from the heritage lottery fund.

Looking at the hulk form of

Foster's building, I am reminded of the man-in-the-spacehip that came into toy shops seven or eight years ago. But Foster has precedence, as his initial design dates from 1986. The shape is one of his favourites: a toroid, like a slice of the outside of a doughnut.

It is an engineering conjuring trick, too. As the design developed Foster and his team (first Nick



Inside the soaring building, Norman Foster and the Imperial War Museum have created the sense of a crowded giant hangar at the height of an air campaign

The great quality of Foster buildings is natural light.

— BARRY MILLINGTON

Bailey, who went off to build boats, then David Nelson and Robin Partington switched from steel to the idea of a concrete roof. As completed, 7,500 tons of concrete roof are held aloft on just 42 supports.

Dashingly curved concrete roofs were a specialty of the Mexican Felix Candela and the Italian Pier Luigi Nervi in the postwar years, but not so many have been done since. It required a forest of scaffolding to hold up the 330 pre-cast concrete panels (each measuring 12 by 4 metres) which were cemented together and only finally became stable when the last one was put in place. Nearly,

anchor points for suspending the aircraft are the same as those used to lift the concrete blocks out of their moulds.

The cavernous beauty of the interior is completed by the spectacular glass wall extending across the whole south front and framing a stunning panorama of the runway and gently rising landscape beyond.

"Pilots from nearby RAF bases are hampered by restrictions, but here they can buzz the air tower and get permission to fly in low, to the delight of visitors," says Partington.

The great quality of Foster buildings is the abundance of natural light. Here he overcomes a potential handicap of the deep interior and solid concrete roof by introducing

a ring of windows around the base in the manner of a spaceship command deck. The walls below the windows lean sharply outwards so that as the sun bursts through the clouds, light is reflected back onto the roof. When dark clouds loom, a sensor at the top of the glass wall switches on a battery of 50 2,000-watt lamps as strong as searchlights. But, says Partington, natural light is proving so good that they have hardly been used.

The military analogy continues outside, where the approach side is formed like a bunker, half-concealed in an earth mound, and the entrance is flanked by concrete blocks deliberately evoking Second World War Channel defences. Most startling are the sloping

emergency exit doors set flush into the grass bank. These spring upwards as soon as you press the doors within. Partington says: "It's a failsafe system operated by two-ton concrete counterweights. Oil dampers slow the opening to five seconds just in case little Johnny happens to be sitting on top."

Even on a Foster construction site, however, not everything goes quite to plan. If the Queen thinks that the turf around the building is a bit of a rush job, it is. Partington explains: "The in-built sprinklers proved so effective they completely washed away the original grass seed."

• The American Air Museum opens to the public on August 1, from 5.30pm (01223 835000)

A pocket-sized work made to measure

THE second of the season's Proms commissions from the Greek-born composer Iannis Xenakis, was heard on Wednesday night. Something under five minutes in duration, *Sea-Charge* is too short to be a major work. It is nevertheless a substantial one — every bar teeming with textual detail.

An arresting opening counterposes snarling low trombones with high, ringing sound. Thereafter, spiralling glissandi strings, subdivided to maximise their amplitude, create the aural equivalent of a vortex. The piece is not essentially pictorial, however; rather the title refers back to a setting of Ariosto's song from *The Tempest* made by Xenakis three years ago, and hints at notions of transformation, evolutionary process and expectation. The

BBC PROMS

London Symphony Orchestra, conductor Bernard Haitink

writing is bold and forthright, but in so short a timepiece it has no room to develop, nowhere to go.

A hundred years ago, Richard Strauss had no such inhibitions in expressing himself; his *Heldenleben* (*A Hero's Life*) is unashamed self-aggrandisement spread lavishly over three-quarters of an hour. Andrew Davis and the BBC Symphony Orchestra delivered a performance that was true to the spirit, yet without any trace of volgarity.

The opulent Straussian peaks sounded well in the cavernous space of the Albert

Hall, and particularly in Davis's skilful hands. Harsh edges were rounded off, the brass choruses suffusing the texture without overwhelming it. Solos were well taken: the leader, Michael Davis, painting a sympathetic portrait of the hero's wife.

Prokofiev's popular Third Piano Concerto, with its constant changes of gear and direction, is always something of a rollercoaster ride. John Lill's account traced all the ups and downs with well-nourished tone and sharpness of rhythm. Davis and the orchestra were with him all the way, and at the close of the first movement, their simultaneous touchdown was a moment of communal exhilaration.

BARRY MILLINGTON

Bangers and panache

IF EVERY late-night Prom is as gripping as this we shall all be desperately short of sleep by September. Little did I imagine that I would ever miss the last bus to Hendon because of a Senegalese circumcision dance. But then, I doubt whether even the finest Senegalese circumcisers perform with quite such relish as the Ensemble Bash.

They are a British four-man percussion group whose name does scant justice to their subtlety, virtuosity and global outlook, though it does hint at the mad humour and loose-limbed living that enlivens their shows. Here they joined forces with that most adventurous of pianists, Joanna MacGregor, for a programme which, with minimum musicalological fuss, pointed up the parallels between folk music of many cultures and the "alternative" art music of this century.

Thus it was educational, if you wanted it to be, but also

richly entertaining. And the fact that the performers actually spoke witty to the audience — the arena was packed, even at 11.30pm) was a huge plus. It should happen more often.

Yet sometimes the links between "folk" and "art" were left to announce themselves. For instance the opening dance from Ghané — hypnotic rhythms played on folk xylophones and drums — dovedaled perfectly into Steve Reich's *Music for Pieces of Wood*. That made Reich seem less a minimalist pioneer, more a late convert to a drumming tradition as ancient as music itself.

Similarly, MacGregor's deliciously pell-mell performances of some John Cage Sonatas and Interludes for prepared piano proved to be

ideal wrap-arounds for two pieces of recent British jazz: Orphy Robinson's *Suite d'Lorenzo*, beautifully layered for marimba and vibes; and Django Bates's characteristically droll *The Catering Trade*, which (with the help of two actors) offered a wacky Pythonesque sketch along with the musical satire.

Best of all was a work that embodied both folk and art traditions: Frederic Rzewski's *Winnipeg Cotton Mill Blues*. Rzewski's music promotes blissfully uncomplicated old-fashioned socialism, and this typically ferocious polemic turns a 1930 protest song into a wild howl against factory tyranny. Originally a piano piece, it was splendidly embellished here, with MacGregor's epic solo supported by all manner of industrial clangs. Terrific, and terrifying stuff.

RICHARD MORRISON



Tropical Vegetation follows earlier, more timid pictures

Great Dane as a pup

A French visitor looked worried. "But is this our Pissarro?" he murmured. He might well wonder at least at first glance. The Pissarro of the exhibition *Pissarro in Venezuela* is indeed very different from the normal expectations aroused by the name. But then, so would be. When Camille Pissarro went to Venezuela in 1852 he was only 22, inexperienced, untrained, and undecided whether he dared set out to be a professional painter or not.

As for being "our" French Pissarro, of course he was nothing of the sort. He was still a Danish national, having been born and brought up in the West Indian island of St Thomas, then a Danish colony. The visit to Venezuela was his first significant excursion from St Thomas, and though he went in the company of an older artist, the artist concerned, Fritz Melbye, was a visiting Dane. Melbye was Pissarro's first mentor and encourager, and since Melbye's own art harked back to the so-called Golden Age of

Danish art, essentially a Biedermeier, conservative movement, it is not altogether surprising that Pissarro's first attempts at the exotic scenes suggest more than anything else George Chinnery's sketches of the China Coast.

All the same, there is something premonitory about even the simplest pencil sketches.

From the beginning, Pissarro

is intensely interested in depicting ordinary people going about everyday tasks. Also, though he starts in Venezuela with timid pictures of basic buildings and the odd tree to give body to the composition or provide a sense of scale, he rapidly becomes fascinated with the tropical luxuriance of the scenes around him. Half-way through the show, he gains the confidence to allow his pencil to wander where it will. From then on the specific landscape is unmistakable.

Also, Pissarro seems to have been hesitant initially to

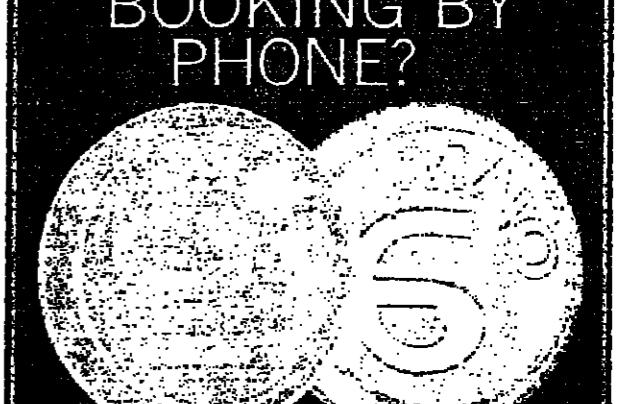
launch into colour. But then, as a climax to the show, colour bursts in, first in watercolours of jungle undergrowth and intricate fronds, then in warmly sepiwaashed interiors of people cooking and, even more intricate and active, people dancing. There are also three oil paintings, which must be among Pissarro's first essays in the medium. No hint of Impressionism here: the forms are solid, the approach staid and academic. Nevertheless, the pictures are charming and confident enough to show how forceful was Pissarro's artistic bent right from the first.

Most of these works, seldom exhibited outside South America before, come from public and private collections in Venezuela. After its London showing in the Bolivar Hall of the Venezuelan Embassy, the exhibition will travel to the Edinburgh Festival.

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EDWARD KARAM

LONDON

BBC PROMS The second weekend of the 103rd season begins tonight with Sir Peter Maxwell Davies conducting the BBC Philharmonic in the world premiere of his new symphony *Seven Days*. Sir Alwyn Williams-Sasha then mounts the podium to conduct Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 (soloist Stephen Kovacevich), which is followed by Shostakovich's Eighth Symphony. On Saturday, Richard Goode conducts the BBC Philharmonic in two Proms premieres: Granger's *The Warmer and Jonathon Hunny's new concerto for percussionist Evelyn Glennie, Britten's *The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra*, Elgar's *Symphony in E Flat*, Variations from the *Wozzeck*, and Gershwin's *Sir Aram Sarabian* performs the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, two choirs and four soloists in Henze's dramatic oratorio *Joan of Arc at the Stake*, with Patti LuPone as the saint. At the Albert Hall, Kenyon Green, SW7 (0171-989 8212) Tonight-Sun 7.30pm.*

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WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

Quartet performs Mozart's String Quartet in G and Clarinet Quintet in A (Renaud Van Sapeynden). Mekyn Tan plays Dvorák's Piano Quintet in A (Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (0171-935 2141). Tomorrow, 7.30pm. £8)

ELSEWHERE Chester: Neil Simon's early comedy, *The Star-Spangled Girl*, updated from 1960s San Francisco to 1990s New York and directed by Phil Willmott. Girl has everything (books, job, fiance) at the Hotel Chester, Cheshire, L12 8SD. Alan Paton conducts the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, two choirs and four soloists in Henze's dramatic oratorio *Joan of Arc at the Stake*, with Patti LuPone as the saint. At the Albert Hall, Kenyon Green, SW7 (0171-989 8212) Tonight-Sun 7.30pm.

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Marmalade exceed the love of the man she dances in the apartment next door (Gateway, Hamton Place (01244 340382). Previews begin tonight, 8pm. Opens July 29, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm; Fri and Sat, 8pm, mat. Sat Aug 31, 8pm. Until Aug 15.

READING: Heading acts at this year's WOMAD Festival — 72 hours of world music, arts and dance besides the Thursday include Bruce Springsteen, Mary J. Blige and the Roots. WOMAD, Rosemead Lecture Complex, Richfield Avenue (ticketline 0118 533 0330; information 0118 744 4949).

STOCKTON: The tenth Stockton International Riverside Festival of outdoor performing arts begins today with a day of Korean dance, music, arts and crafts. Tomorrow (noon-1am), an indie rock features the Levellers. Acoustic guitarists Steve Tilston and on Sunday (noon-midnight), DJ Danny Rampling, Grooverider and Gil Scott-Heron are among the 20 artists spinning the latest dance sounds. Stockton Information office 0171-427 3191. Michael Goodwin Paintings by Yang Yarping (0171-629 2229); National Trust and Valentine's Day (0171-747 2885); Royal Opera House Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7481); Tate Henry Moore's Gift: A Centenary Celebration (0171-887 6000).

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Art First: Back to Nature: Flora and Fauna (0171-734 0396); Barbican: Serious Games: Art Interaction Technology (0171-633 8891); Gormley: Human (0171-935 2146); 1459: Dulwich Picture Gallery: Reeder: Abstraction in Tribal Art (0171-401 4000); 1459: Dulwich Picture Gallery: Monoprints (0171-437 3191); Michael Goodwin: Paintings by Yang Yarping (0171-629 2229); National Trust and Valentine's Day (0171-747 2885); Royal Opera House Summer Exhibition (0171-439 7481); Tate Henry Moore's Gift: A Centenary Celebration (0171-887 6000).

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Shakespeare's daughter and Shakespeare's Hunter: The Purple Inquisitor. Duchess, Catherine Street, WC2 (0171-932 5075). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. Until October 4.

KING LEAR Kathryn Hunter going where no English actress has gone before: the play's small-scale, uncomplicated action plays across scenes. Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (0171-929 6363). Mon-Sat, 7pm, mat Sat, 2pm. Until August 3.

THE LEANNE TRILOGY Family is no comic bed of shamrocks in the Connemara village of Maigue. Michael Caine's mother from hell and her desperate daughter (The Beauvau Queen of Leenane) — first seen in London last year, marital secrets revealed in the century-old book of the year — are coming home to stay. Father's house (The Lonesome West). Gary Hynes directs this co-production with Druid Theatre Co. Royal Court (box office 0171-223 3849). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat and Sun, 3.30pm. Until August 3.

GOLLYWOOD Gollum's first appearance in a remarkable solo performance presents the realities of life in modern urban estates. Based by Bryony Lavery, Author Campbell's book, and directed by Anne Castledine. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Swan, SW11 (0181-743 3389). Openings tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm.

THE HERBAL BED Peter Whelan's fascinating play, *Kate Duchene* plays

NEW RELEASES

BROKEN ENGLISH (13). Strife-torn lives of Croatian immigrants in New Zealand. Not going to make it. Director: Srdjan Vujcic. Writer: Gregor Nicholas. ABC Tottenham Court Road (0171-625 6148). Oldham Kensington (0171-214 7200). Fulham (0171-370 2550). Hammersmith (0171-403 1527). Warner West End (0171-427 4343).

IDIOT ADO Aussie loafers plan a bank robbery. Absurd, inventive drama, with Ben Monks and Jeremy Sims. Donmar Warehouse, Sloane Square, N1 (0171-928 3230).

LOVE VAOURI COMPASSION (15). Joe Mantello's film version engrosses the faults of Terrence McNally's play, about gay men's summer weekends. Jason Alexander joins the stage cast. Aladdin, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-236 7270). States Theatre (0171-433 1700). Odeon: Camden Town (0171-352 0000). Swiss Cottage (0171-352 0000). Virgin Cinema (0171-223 3522).

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PORTRAITS CHINOIS (15). Lives and loves of Parisian friends. Shadow

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol *) on release across the country

more with a chic cast (Helena Bonham-Carter, Romola Garai, Jane Krakowski). Director: Lynne Ramsay. Marine Dogwood

THE LOST WORLD (PG). Routine story damages the sequel to Jurassic Park. With Jeff Goldblum, Julianne Moore, Dennis Lehane, Steven Spielberg, Alan Rickman, Steven Speilberg. 1997. 100 mins. 12A. £12.50. Tottenham Court Road (0171-929 6372). Old Vic (0171-929 6375). Hill Crest (0171-737 6705). Odeon: Camden Town (0171-352 0000). Odeon: Victoria (0171-352 0000). Palace (0171-352 0000). Screen/Green Screen (0171-237 2121). Screen/Green Screen (0171-352 0000). Trocadero (0171-352 0000). Virgin Cinema (0171-223 3522).

CON AIR (15). Astronauts hijack their plane. Ferocious rollercoaster ride, with Nicolas Cage.

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* BATMAN & ROBIN (PG). Schizophrenic M. Night Shyamalan directs the follow-up to *Gotham* to *Curse of the Catwoman*.

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Not quite the new T.S. Eliot: a group of young American MTV viewers concluded that Murray Lachlan Young was "like Shakespeare on acid"

The £1 million poet

Can Murray Lachlan Young justify his unique EMI deal? Nigel Williamson meets the showman of verse

Do not describe Murray Young as a rock poet, or worse, the bard with the backbeat. "I call myself a performance poet who prefers supporting rock'n'roll bands to playing theatres or comedy clubs," he says firmly.

You cannot blame the latest champion of this hybrid genre, for predecessors from John Cooper Clarke to Attila the Stockbroker have failed to turn their initial novelty value into lasting success. Young, 28, is hip, humorous and hugely ambitious, with every intention of being the exception to the rule that pop and poetry make uneasy bedfellows. He has a £250,000 contract with MTV. And of course he has a much-publicised £1.1 million record contract with EMI, which is giving his first album, *Vice and Verse*, released on Monday, a dark push.

Young's darkly comic explorations of the underbelly of modern life make it not too fanciful to call him a Hilaire Belloc for our age: the creator of a set of adult cautionary tales for the 1990s. Typical targets of his caustic wit include cocaine users, heavy-metal fans, supermodels and pretentious poseurs everywhere. *Casual Sex* features beautiful people who shout the

their taunt into a piece of mass participation verse, training them to recite the insult in poetic metre and then completing the line in mock triumph by declaring "I am he, I am he". His handling of the situation suggested unabashed star quality.

Mostly, however, Young provokes a far more enthusi-

I was dyslexic and failed all my exams

astic reception. He has just completed a successful season opening for the Pet Shop Boys during their two-week occupation of the Savoy Theatre. Next month he plays at the Edinburgh Festival. "It's about making poetry accessible," he says. "The most satisfying thing is when people approach you afterwards and say 'I'm not into poetry or anything

like that, but I thought you were really good.' Young was brought up in Sevenoaks, Kent. "There was an oppressive market town mentality and I hated it. I was dyslexic and failed my exams." Yet the facility with words was always there, initially as a defence mechanism. "I was a late developer. All the boys were turning into men while I was still a skinny little kid. I used to get beaten up and I had to learn to talk pretty fast."

He moved to London and worked as a cycle courier and a landscape gardener, but eventually pitched up on the media performance course at Salford University, where he did his dissertation on stardom. "Basically it was a study in deconstructing what my desire for people to pay attention to me was all about. It made me realise that I had to express that in performance of some kind, otherwise I would have become a complete pain to everyone."

Young returned to London with a new confidence and worked the underground club circuit. He also became a DJ and developed a host of contacts which he probably could have exploited to become an actor, a stand-up comedian or a singer in a rock'n'roll band. He decided instead to be a performance poet.

"I didn't want to act because I wanted to be in control of my own source and I didn't want to join a band because I like working on my own." Young explains. "Poetry is the stem of all lyricism and the least restrictive form. I can tell you a poem here or I can stand on stage in a theatre and do it — any time, anywhere. It goes into books and the recording medium and it is the broadest possible piece of art. If you can perform as well, that takes it another stage further."

His debut album includes sympathetic musical backing from the likes of Jools Holland, something of a departure from his live performances. "It's about repeatability. A recording of me performing solo you would only want to listen to once or twice. You can put this record on in the car and it creates a mood that is more than just the poetry and has a life of its own."

Nevertheless live performance remains his first love. Young says that he used to stand on a chair in the middle of a crowded room and stare everyone down until there was silence. "I used to feel that I was invincible. Now I have learnt fear, which you need in order to achieve. Performing poetry is like being a door-to-door salesman. You've got to get your foot in straight away, then you can close the door

with them inside and start the demonic stuff."

Young sees himself as part of a long oral tradition. "If poetry is going to live, it has to come out of someone's mouth." Yet despite his bravura, there is a private voice to Young as well. "I write a different kind of poetry for the page which I don't show anyone. People can decide whether they like it or not after I'm dead. You see, underneath I'm really just one of those sensitive closet poets like everyone else."

It seemed churlish to remind him that he was due on stage in half an hour.

• *Vice and Verse* is released by EMI on Monday. Murray Lachlan Young can be seen on MTV all this month and live at the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, from Aug 8 to 30

Delicious brew of chocolate and lemon

The seven geniuses of Belle and Sebastian are all you need

Wheels, which gallop, writhe and pant like Love's *Forever Changes*; and is sumptuous in a way music hasn't been since Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood took it upon themselves to bring brass-class to the masses.

Belle and Sebastian have no Belle and no Sebastian — they are seven, from Glasgow, formed on a government training scheme, and therefore the result of a botched capitalism. On a music business course they



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were instructed to record a single and form a record company as an exercise. On the minuscule budget of a single, they recorded a whole album — *Tigermilk* — and released it through Jeepster, their own company. However, it wasn't until 1996's *If You're Feeling Sinister* that audiences started falling into their bosky world.

Lead singer and songwriter Stuart David

L has a simple, affecting voice — plain, like an HB pencil, but capable of being smudged into depth and shadow by the tender thumb of emotion. And if you're wondering why you haven't read much about them, it's because they don't do interviews. Or photoshoots. They even stood up the man from *The New York Times* because David had second thoughts about doing publicity.

"It's not a contrived thing

— it's not like doing no

publicity is our angle." Steve Jackson, B&S's guitarist and backing vocalist, says, in a rare Belle-and-Sebastian-talking moment, "Jackson, according to the one-page, self-written document that accompanies their second album, was discovered 'singing Negro Spirituals as he built a footbridge over the Dunbartonshire marshes. When [Stuart David and fellow B&S member Richard] heard him sing, they laid down their rod and staff and were comforted.'

"It's just that personally, I haven't really got anything to say," Jackson continues. "And it's maybe best to keep an elegant silence."

Such wisdom in ones so young! To run away from the graceless, squirming interview process, and simply get on with making witchy magical records. B&S's friend, Isobel, works as the band's icon and trademark — it is her languorous, swollen-lipped face that appears on the CD covers, and most of their photographs. Only one picture of Stuart David exists — snapped by a photographer when he wasn't looking, it swaps hands for £200 between music publications.

Belle and Sebastian are a rare and utterly mesmerising thing: a band who create their own world, and remain untouched by the tricksy currents and destructive undertows of musical scenes. Think of *The Lilac Time*, Felt, Nick Drake if he'd had six mates who thought the same way as him — singles and albums that never really do that *Top 20* thing, but remain in record shops and friends' houses, waiting for you to fall into them.

The latest instalment from B&S land is *The Lazy Line Painter Jane EP*, which starts off like *Eight Miles High* before stretching its wings out into a sexually charged bluegrass/psychedelic duet with a catastrophic guitar-line. Along with Radiohead, they're the only band you'll need this year.

• *The Lazy Line Painter Jane EP* is out on July 28. Belle and Sebastian play Union Chapel, Islington, July 31; Oxford Zodiac Club, Aug 2; Colchester Arts Centre Aug 3

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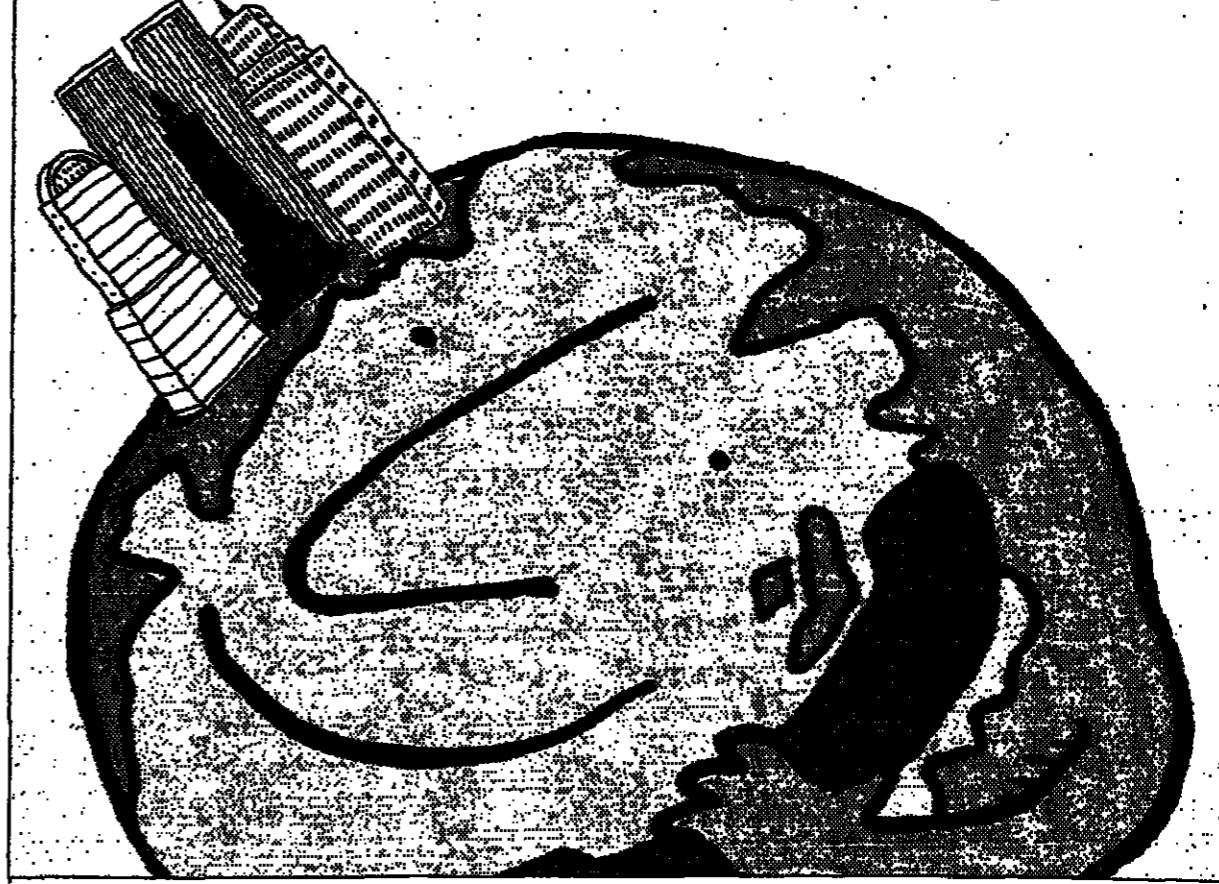


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The summer holidays are the ideal time to get into the habit of reading. Susan Elkin on entertaining literature to take along

No one who has a book is ever alone

Reading is the key to learning. What better time than the long summer holiday for children to get on with it? If it's wet, reading is something you can get on with indoors. If it's fine, you can do it out in the sunshine. And it goes without saying that every child should have books packed in the holiday luggage.

Stories provide imaginative knowledge of other places, people, worlds and times. Accomplished readers unconsciously soak up vocabulary, grammar, ideas and information. Concentration and self-reliance develop from reading. What good news, therefore, that common sense has prevailed and infant school teachers are now required to teach the mechanics of reading systematically. But being able to read is not the same thing as being a reader...

You learn to read properly by doing it, once the basics are in place. Lack of practice can lead to inadequate and reluctant readers. The world of childhood is flooded with the quick-fix visual imagery of television, video, computer games and the Internet. It's hard work for parents to maintain a balance.

No one who has a book is ever alone or without something to do... yet many of the secondary pupils I know resent any suggestion that they might read a book — especially when on holiday — because they say "We want to have a break and a good time". Have we reached a stage where

reading and pleasure are mutually exclusive?

Parents who want their child(ren) to remain, or become, fluent, knowledgeable and thoughtful readers, will do everything possible to promote daily reading. So:

- Take younger children to the library regularly. Many run story-telling sessions, which can trigger interest.

- Read to the child every day — and not just at bedtime. One-shot stories are best for the youngest, but a serialised reading works well when they're slightly older.

- Don't stop reading aloud just because the child can read. Aim for something just above the level that he can manage independently so that you're "stretching" him.

- For summer holiday treats buy some of the children's "classics" — *Black Beauty*, *The Water Babies*, the Narnia books, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Borrowers*, novels of E. Nesbit and so on. But don't forget the wealth of fine stories written more recently. Find out about children's fiction; batches of them are regularly reviewed in newspapers.

- Read children's books yourself. Enthusiastically. Discuss them with your children and their friends. "A children's story which is enjoyed only by children is a bad children's story," wrote C. S. Lewis.

- Example is a powerful tool — make sure your child regularly sees you engrossed in a book. A parent (or teacher) who says "Oh I used to read a lot when I was a child but I



Children learn to read properly by doing it, once the basics are in place. Lack of practice can lead to reluctant readers

don't get time now" is conveying the message that reading is a puerile activity.

□ Make time. Be resolutely selective about television viewing, both for yourself and for the children.

□ Variety is vital. No one can read at the highest levels all the time. Anyway, how else do you learn to distinguish the marvellous from the mediocre other than by eclectic sampling? Teenagers are often hooked on Stephen King, Virginia Andrews and John Grisham. Much better than nothing, of course, but try to persuade them to dip into "modern classics" such as *Rebecca*, *Gone with the Wind* and *The Grapes of Wrath*, as well as the works of George Orwell, Iris Murdoch, H. E. Bates et al.

● As for older classics, it's not much use telling your teenager to read Dickens instead of playing a computer game if you haven't read a 19th-century novel for 30 years. Relatively accessible starting points for young readers are, for different reasons, *The Mill on the Floss*, *Tess of the d'Urbervilles* and *Jane Eyre*. They're all available in paperback editions with attractive covers. But you'll need to read them, too — and don't forget these books were originally written for adults.

What follows are a few enticing holiday reading suggestions for books written mostly in the past 25 years or so for young readers, and with which parents may not be familiar. I've divided them into three age bands, but the boundaries are very fluid.

● The author is a freelance writer, a part-time English teacher and the mother of two grown-up sons.

BOOKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

UNDER EIGHT: *Mona the Vampire* Sonia Holleyman; *I love Guinea-pigs* Dick King-Smith; *Tattercoats* Margaret Greaves; *Rosa's Singing Grandfather* Leon Rosselson; *A Gift from Winklesea* Helen Cresswell; *Olga the Polga* (series) Michael Bond; *Gundamp to the Rescue* (series) Val Biro; *The Chocolate Mouse* (series) Graham Oakley; *Polly and the Stupid Wolf* Catherine Storr.

EIGHT TO TWELVE: *The Battle of Bubble and Squeak* Philippa Pearce; *The Ghost Dog* Pete Johnson; *Shakespeare Stories* and *Shakespeare Stories II* Leon Garfield and Michael Foreman; *Quest for a Queen: The Jackdaw* Frances Mary Hendry; *The Doll's House* Rachel Anderson; *The Great Elephant Chase* Gillian Cross; *Google-Eyes* Anne Fine; *Mrs Fris and the Rats of Nimb* Robert O'Brien.

TWELVE PLUS: *The Tulip Touch* Anne Fine; *Stone Cold* Robert Swindells; *The Village in the Sea* Anita Desai; *Gull* Robert Westall; *Naming the Dark* Annie Dalton; *Melusine* Lynne Reid Banks; *Plague '99* Jean Ure; *Bad Blood* Bernard Ashley; *In Deep Water* Michelle Magorian; *Weather Eye* Lesley Howarth; *Buddy* Nigel Hinton; *Northern Lights* Phillip Pullman.

The invitation to join the new literacy pilot project, which started this week, came late to this school. Further funding had generally been offered by News International, at late notice, and the opportunity to participate was seized readily by the teaching staff.

The scheme is an experiment to see if further reading support given to 30 11-year-olds during the school holidays will improve their reading levels before they enter secondary school.

Most parents and many local and national industries have welcomed the initiative, and have given it instant encouragement and support. Curiously, not everyone is quite so happy. A few parents have opted not to take part. They feel the one-to-one special attention will "brand" their children as poor readers.

Some primary teachers see it as an affront to the work they have been doing for five years, while others object to knowledge of reading levels being discussed in public. Many are against extra study in school holidays.

All are surely missing the point. At issue here is not who tries to tackle the problem of poor literacy or when this takes place, but that we as a nation see the wisdom of constantly trying new approaches to improve things.

The ability to read is probably the most important skill any child will need. It unlocks the door to so many opportunities and closes it to those who fail. We cannot afford to ignore the plight of the 20 per cent of pupils who leave school with inadequate reading skills. Poor readers often become "wealth consumers" rather than "wealth creators".

The power of reading in the development of youngsters must be hammered home at an early stage. Schools cannot

do this alone. Studies have shown that children's reading improves dramatically when parents take an active interest at home.

To help this, several pioneering schools have introduced schemes to help parents to understand this role. Home-work clubs, parenting courses and helping with schoolwork sessions are boosting the confidence of parents and children.

Sadly, it can be too late for some children who arrive at secondary school as poor readers. Constant failure earlier on, especially among boys, can destroy any interest and can convince them that reading is not for them.

"Catch up time" for teachers and pupils will be hard going for the next few years. It is no coincidence that two thirds of all secondary students excluded have poor basic skills with reading ages three years below their chronological age.

As a nation, we must surely see the sense of investing more time and money in our five and six-year-olds where basic skills are learnt. As costs and expectations of the public sector rise, it is clear there will never be enough money to go round, especially to exploit the opportunities offered by computer learning and IT. We should provide more teachers and funding in the early years.

If we are to match our international competitors, we need to combat the anti-school feeling that exists and promote the wisdom of "learning for life". All communities must become total learning communities, where every available resource, every classroom and every computer is used day and night in an inventive, practical and cost-efficient manner to improve everyone's skills.

BOB SALISBURY
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Reading: a skill for life

Make time for the children

Doug McAvoy on demands for an early review of the curriculum.

It is ten years since the last Government started consulting on the Education Reform Act. One of the Act's centrepieces, the national curriculum, has been found wanting. It has been revised and will again be under review.

Only at Key Stage 3 does the curriculum framework appear to have stood the test of time. At Key Stage 4, it is an ineffective ghost, rather than an effective framework. It was at primary schools that Sir Ron Dearing, in 1994, aimed his revised national curriculum in the belief that it would free 20 per cent discretionary time each week.

As evidence for the review, the NUT commissioned Professor Maurice Galton, at Leicester University, to investigate the fate of discretionary time.

The findings confirm what has always been obvious to primary teachers. The schools give the highest priority to mathematics and English. In the 350 primary schools in the study, 25 per cent of weekly teaching time is given over to literacy at Key Stage 1 and 23 per cent at Key Stage 2: figures over and above the hour a day recommended by the Government White Paper. The figures for numeracy, on average, equalled the White Paper's hour a day. Without the restrictions of the curriculum, teachers said they would devote more time to these subjects.

As to the fate of discretionary time, most schools denied it existed. Only 8.5 per cent of those questioned said that the curriculum requirements could be met within the 80 per cent of the time available. One head said: "It is meaningless. I cannot believe that schools take it seriously."



Doug McAvoy: balanced curriculum

University, found similar time constraints. He said that "taking time and making time" for pupils was one of the strongest determinants of the school climate, staff morale, quality and effectiveness.

The absence of space and spontaneity in the primary curriculum and the absence of teacher time for each child has badly affected teacher morale. This has been compounded by the apparent ignorance of policy makers of the chemistry needed between teacher and child to encourage learning.

The Government's priority is literacy and numeracy, particularly in primary schools. This must be right. But if the evidence of the Leicester and Strathclyde Universities' reports are ignored then the Government's targets for the millennium will not be met.

The "top-down" curriculum has had its day. Teachers are beginning to talk again about building on the interests of the child and "insight moments" and there have been positive developments arising from the national curriculum. The core subjects provide a framework. A balanced and broadly based curriculum is something for all to aspire to.

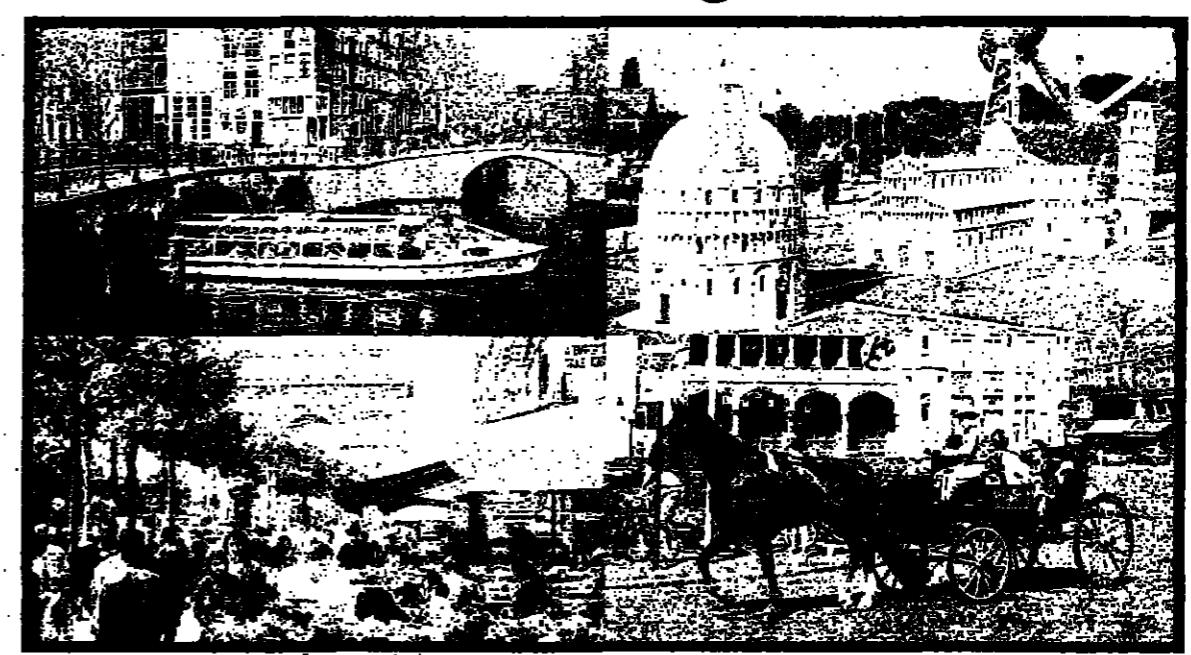
But what the Labour Government cannot afford to do is to leave the revision of the national curriculum until after the implementation of its strategy for promoting literacy and numeracy. Primary schools need a vote of confidence from the Government now.

● The author is general secretary of the National Union of Teachers.

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Will computers replace teachers? A headmaster gives his view

The classroom of the future

SIR RON DEARING's review of higher education offered a vision of university students in 20 years' time, learning electronically and working largely from home.

David Prichard, the headmaster of Wycliffe College, in the Cotswolds, foresees a similar transformation in schools.

Mr Prichard, a former preparatory school head, says: "Eton and Winchester will continue, but many schools will die or change completely. Classrooms will look more like they do in St Albans, Pretoria, where they have 100 children, each with a computer in front of them, working at their own speed and two or three teachers around ready to answer questions."

Mr Prichard, who was head of Port Regis for 25 years, where the Princess Royal sent her children, says: "Schools will no longer be for the dissemination of information;

I can get that from the computer. But you'll still need a teacher to develop your intellect by stimulating your discussion, encouraging your potential and sorting out what makes you tick."

Mr Prichard's revolutionary vision impressed Lord Griffiths, who was in charge of Baroness Thatcher's think-tank, and who used to invite him to Westminster to outline his views. He became head of Wycliffe three years ago when it was "heading very sharply for the rocks". Senior members of the Headmasters' Conference thought it would be the first school in membership to go under.

Mr Prichard says: "I was desperate to keep the ship

BRUCE KEMBLE

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Law Report July 25 1997 House of Lords

Stabbing foetus who is born alive then dies can be manslaughter**Attorney-General's Reference (No 3 of 1994)**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Mustill, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Clyde

[Speeches July 24]

Where an assailant stabbed a pregnant woman with the intention of harming her alone, but as a result of the attack she went into premature labour and her child, although born alive, subsequently died owing to its prematurity, the assailant could be convicted of manslaughter but not murder.

The House of Lords so held on a reference under section 56 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972, on the following point of law:

"I submit to you that the prosecution of the requisite intent in either case whether the crimes of murder or manslaughter can be committed where a foetus in utero is deliberately injured (i) if a child is born alive; (ii) if a mother carrying a child in utero, where the child is subsequently born alive, enjoys an existence independent of the mother, thereafter dies and the injuries inflicted while in utero either caused or made a substantial contribution to the death."

"2 Whether the fact that the death of the child is caused solely as a consequence of injury to the mother rather than as a consequence of direct injury to the foetus can negative any liability for murder or manslaughter in the circumstances set out in question 1."

Assault and bodily harm by telephone call**Regina v Ireland**
Regina v Burstow

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn, Lord Hope of Craighead and Lord Hutton

[Speeches July 24]

The making of silent telephone calls which caused psychiatric injury to the victim amounted, in law, to have inflicted bodily harm and an assault. An offence of inflicting grievous bodily harm, in law, could be committed where no physical violence was applied directly or indirectly to the body of the victim.

The House of Lords so held dismissing the appeals by the defendants, Robert Matthew Ireland and Anthony Christopher Burstow.

Ireland appealed from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Douglas Brown) (*The Times* May 22, 1996; [1997] QB 114) of his appeal against conviction on February 6, 1995 at Newport (Gwent) Crown Court (Judge Prosser, QC).

Ireland, having pleaded guilty to three counts of assault occasioning actual bodily harm contrary to section 47 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861, was sentenced to a total of three years imprisonment on March 10, 1995.

Burstow appealed from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Birmingham of Cornhill, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Connell) ([*The Times* July 30, 1996; [1997] 1 Cr App R 14]) of his appeal against conviction on March 6, 1995 at Newport (Gwent) Crown Court (Judge John Lai and a jury).

Burstow, having pleaded guilty to unlawfully and maliciously inflicting grievous bodily harm contrary to section 20 of the 1861 Act, was sentenced to three years imprisonment.

Mr Malcolm Bishop, QC and Mr Philip Richards for Ireland:

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David Calvert-Smith for the Attorney-General.

B had stabbed a pregnant woman in the face, back and abdomen. She received medical attention in hospital but was discharged in an apparently satisfactory state. Some days later and without further trauma she went into labour and gave birth to a premature child. S after 26 weeks gestation, who survived for only 121 days. The child had been wounded but that made no provable contribution to her death.

The arguments of counsel were founded on a series of rules which, whatever might be said about their justice or logic, were undeniable features of the criminal law today. Those were:

"It was sufficient to raise a prima facie case of murder, subject to entire or partial excuses such as self-defence or provocation, for it to be proved that the defendant did the act which caused the death intending to kill the victim or to cause him at least grievous bodily harm."

If the defendant did an act with the intention of causing a particular kind of harm to victim 1, and unintentionally did that kind of harm to victim 2, then the intent to harm victim 1 might be added to the harm actually done to victim 2 in deciding whether the defendant had committed a crime towards victim 2.

3 Except under statute, an embryo or foetus in utero could not be the victim of a crime of violence. In particular, violence to the foetus which caused its death in utero was not a murder.

4 The existence of an interval of time between the going of an act by

the defendant with the necessary wrongful intent and its impact on the victim in a manner which led to death did not in itself prevent the intent, the act and the death from together amounting to murder, so long as there was an unbroken causal connection between the act and the death.

5 Violence towards a foetus which resulted in harm suffered after the baby had been born alive could give rise to criminal responsibility even if the harm would not have been criminal, apart from statute, if it had been suffered in utero.

The Attorney-General had built on those rules in two different ways. The first argument was that the foetus was part of the mother so that an intention to cause really serious bodily injury to the mother was equivalent to the same intent directed towards the foetus.

The second argument related to the nature of the offence. The Attorney-General had built on the rules stated above to argue that it was only a short step to make a

new rule, adding together the malice towards the mother, the contemporaneous starting of a train of events, and the coming to fruition of those events in the death of the baby after being born alive.

The attractions of the argument were plain, not least its simplicity, but it was too dependent on the piling up of old fictions.

There was a solid line of authority decreeing that the grievous harm rule [rule 1] was the law, but it had to be recognised that it was an outcropping of old law from which the surrounding strata of rationalisations had weathered away. It survived but exemplified no principle which could be applied to a new situation.

Rule 2, referred to misleadingly as the doctrine of transferred malice, harked back to a concept of general malice, that a wrongful act displayed a malevolence which could be attached to any adverse consequence which had long been out of date. It was not a "transfer", but created a new malice.

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The doctrine was an arbitrary exception to general principles. It was useful enough to yield justice in particular cases and it could sensibly be retained notwithstanding its lack of sound intellectual basis. But it was another matter to build a new rule upon it.

His Lordship concluded that the existing rules were not based on principles sound enough to justify their extension to a case where the

defendant had acted without an intent to injure either the foetus or the mens rea. For the reasons stated by Lord Mustill, the mens rea for murder was not present.

Turning to manslaughter resulting from an unlawful and dangerous act by the mother. As he had intended to commit that act, all the ingredients necessary for mens rea in regard to manslaughter were established, irrespective of who was the ultimate victim of it.

The fact that the child whom the mother was carrying at the time was born alive and died as a result of the stabbing was all that was needed for the offence of manslaughter when the act was completed by the child's death.

The question, once the other elements were satisfied, was simply one of causation. There was no need to look to the doctrine of transferred malice for a solution to the problem raised in the case so far as manslaughter was concerned.

His Lordship would answer the questions raised thus: (i) Did not the stabbing of the child be done by the mother? (ii) Murder, not Manslaughter, yes. 2 Murder, superseded; Manslaughter, no.

Lord Slynn delivered a speech concerning with Lord Mustill and Lord Hope. Lord Goff and Lord Clyde agreed.

Solicitors: Blake Lapthorn for Square & Co, Leeds Crown Prosecution Headquarters.

Credibility of defence witnesses**Regina v Brown (Winston)**

Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Hope of Craighead, Lord Clyde and Lord Hutton

[Speeches July 24]

Ensuring that a defendant had a fair trial did not require that defence witnesses should be immune from challenge as to their credibility. The prosecution was under no duty at common law to disclose material relevant only to the credibility of a defence witness.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by Winston Brown from the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (Lord Justice Swan, Mr Justice Owen and Mr Justice Ian Kennedy) (*The Times* June 20, 1994; [1994] 1 WLR 1599), who had dismissed his appeal against his conviction on June 18, 1993 at Manchester Crown Court (Judge Rhys Davies, QC and a jury) of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm contrary to section 18 of the Offences against the Person Act 1861.

Mr Richard Henriques, QC and Mr Ian McMeekin for the defendant: Mr Michael Shorrock, QC and Mr Alan D. Conrad for the Crown.

Lord HOPE said that the common law was relevant because the defendant had been convicted on June 18, 1993. As regards the rules of disclosure of material by the prosecutor were those in Part I of the Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996.

The relevant complaint was that

the Crown had failed to disclose information to the defence that tended to reflect on the credibility of two witnesses who had been called for the defence at the trial.

It was submitted that "non-disclosure of that information had amounted to a material irregularity in the course of the trial rendering the conviction unsafe and unsatisfactory".

Much of the discussion in the Court of Appeal had been taken up with examination of the Attorney-General's guidelines (see *Practice Note (Criminal Evidence: Unused Material)* [1982] 1 All ER 734) which Crown court said had protected the information from disclosure.

But, as Lord Justice Steyn had explained (at pp1604-1605) time had moved on since they were issued. No doubt as a result of Lord Justice Steyn's carefully worded criticisms, they were no longer relied on by prosecutors, and Mr Shorrock had not sought to resurrect that part of the argument.

The rules of disclosure developed by the common law owed their origin to the elementary right of every defendant to a fair trial. To have a fair trial he must have adequate notice of the case to be tried.

1 Was it reasonable to distinguish material that might assist the defence case from material that remained only to the credibility of the defence witnesses?

2 Was it consistent with the general principle of fairness to say that the Crown was not under a legal duty to disclose material relevant only to a defence witness' credibility?

In posing these questions, His Lordship concurred with the duty of disclosure extended that far.

3 Was it reasonable to distinguish material that might assist the defence case from material that remained only to the credibility of the defence witnesses?

4 Was it reasonable for an affirmative answer to the first two that much of the material regularly used by the defence to test a witness' credibility was entirely irrelevant to the question whether the defendant was guilty or innocent of the offence, with which he was charged. The issues of fact raised by the defence case did not exhaust

the relevant witness' credibility.

As Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Justice Steyn, had observed in *R v Kezze* (1994) 1 WLR 750, the great principle was that of open justice. It would be contrary to that principle for the prosecution to withhold from the defendant material

that might undermine their case against him or assist his defence.

Those were the rules on which sections 3 and 7 of the 1996 Act had been based, but they had already found their expression in decisions by the courts: see *Dallison v Caffey* ([1995] QB 348, 369, 375; *R v Hennessy (Timothy)* ([1979] 68 Cr App R 419, 426); *R v Ward* ([1993] 1 WLR 619, 645, 674); *R v Keane* (at pp75/76).

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GOLF-SOUTH AFRICANS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BENIGN CONDITIONS IN FIRST ROUND AT ROYAL PORTRUSH

Player prospers in the role of senior statesman

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

IN THE first round of the Senior British Open at Royal Portrush yesterday, Gary Player, suitably clad, managed a very fair impersonation of the man in black who won nine major championships.

The small, determined South African, now 61 and recently recovered from a double hernia operation, started with three birdies and finished with a 68, four under par, to share second place with Dave Eichelberger, an American who has won his first taste of links golf. They trailed John Bland, the South-African who was rookie of the year on the senior tour in the United States last season, by two shots.

There was scarcely a breath of wind on a beautiful morning that could have been painted by the tourist board and the formidable Dunluce course, which is one of the greatest in the world, according to Bland and Player, allowed the early birds licence to plunder.

Bland, who has won approaching \$2.5 million (about £1.5 million) since he reached 50 in September 1995, missed only two greens — at the 7th and the 16th, where he dropped his shots — and had

matchings halves of 33, with four birdies and one bogey a side. "A good day's work," was Bland's summation. "I took advantage of the wonderful conditions."

Bland, ten years younger than Player, paid tribute to the older man's influence. "Gary's the most important sportsman to come out of South Africa," he said. "He set a wonderful standard and made us realise how good we were and how good we had to be." Even today, Ernie Els can go to places where Gary holds the course record and not get near it. Gary has always been the man in South African golf.

Player, who received an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Ulster

LEADING scores (GB and Ireland unless stated): 1. Bland (SA) 68; 2. Player (SA) 68; 3. Eichelberger (US) 68; 4. D. Bland (SA) 68; 5. J. Bland (SA) 68; 6. N. P. Fitchie (Aus) 70; 7. Baines, B. Hunt, D. Butler — 71; 8. Coezer, T. Wargo (US) 71; 9. Richardson, J. Malone (US) 71; G. Lahiri, S. M. R. Kuehne (US) 72; 10. Jackson, A. Gammie, M. Gregson, T. Gubb, B. Irving (US) 73; 11. L. P. Proctor (Aus) 73; 12. B. Verney (SA) 72; 13. H. Jackson, A. Gammie, M. Gregson, T. Gubb, B. Irving (US) 73; 14. D. Smith (US) 73; 15. C. Cox (Sp) 73; 16. N. Wood, R. Bennerdin (SA) 73; 17. Hardwick (Can), B. Huggett, B. Wailes, M. Hodge (SA) 74; 18. D. Holt, K. Cox (US) 74; 19. D. Snell.

Gilford makes strong bid for cup place

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SAM TORRANCE and David Gilford, still hoping to make the Ryder Cup team this year, had conflicting fortunes in the first round of the Dutch Open in Hilversum yesterday.

Torrance, troubled with muscle problems just below his shoulders, had a disappointing three-over-par 74, after deciding to play only an hour before the start. Gilford, who had to withdraw from the Open Championship qualifying last week because of a back problem, is fully fit again and proved it with a six-under-par 65, just one shot behind Robert Coles, the surprise leader, from Essex.

Torrance, in 13th place in the Ryder Cup table and in need of a tournament victory after a lean year, had physio treatment early yesterday, after admitting he had had "a pretty sleepless night" because of the pain.

He will need an outstanding round even to make the halfway cut as more than half the field shot par or better.

Gilford, nineteenth in the Cup table, says he needs to win at least one tournament and be high up in two others to make the Cup team.

He had four birdies in his outward 32 and three more coming home, with only one bogey, at the 16th and joined Roger Chapman, who had seven birdies and an eagle, plus three bogeys in his 65, in second place. But Coles had the most consistent round of the day with nine birdies and only two bogeys on his card. His 64 was a career-best score.

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Brian Barnes, the defending champion, drove beautifully — his assessment — on his way to a 70 but admitted his injured knee was sore. "I'm going to have ice on it and stick it up in the air," he said. He has been having intensive physiotherapy from Alice Trifelli, the wife of a former club captain, and has been stocking up on painkillers. "A couple of large brandies would be better," Barnes smiled, knowing he must never drink again. "I don't know about honorary degrees," he said, "but I'm on my fifth medal from Alcoholics Anonymous, one for every year you stay sober."



SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

One of the most useful pieces of advice that you can give to a declarer is "think before you play to trick one". Failure to follow such advice is one of the greatest causes of declarer error and it is this that I am going to look at over the next few weeks in the Friday Refreshers.

The simplest hold-up play occurs when a defender leads the king to Q.J.x against Three-No-Trumps, and declarer has A.x in that suit facing a small doubleton. The other defender has three small cards in the suit led along with an ace that declarer needs to dislodge before having nine tricks. The text books then show the importance of ducking the first two rounds of the suit thus cutting the defence's communications and restricting the opening leader to two tricks in his suit.

The following is a slightly more advanced example of the same thing:

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1 NT (12-14)	Pass			3 NT	All Pass				

Contract: Three-No-Trumps by South. Lead: queen of spades

ducking the first spade. He wins the continuation and plays a diamond. It does not benefit East to go in with the king for he has no spades left. West can win the ace and continue spades, establishing the suit, but he has no entry to get in and cash them.

Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

Look at the effect of declarer

FISHING

By Philip Howard

DIVIRBAL
a. A small pet.
b. A cloud formation.
c. A primitive language.

BALLYHOO OF BLAZES
a. Publicity.
b. Hoe and cry.
c. A poor ship.

Answers on page 42

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Richards — Lokol, Denmark 1975.

The constricted position of the black king gives White a good opportunity for a quick tactical finish. Can you see what he played?

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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

EUROPEAN CLP Qualifying round, first leg: Crusaders 1. Drama Zagreb (Croatia) 2; Deny N.W. Maribor Tatnana (Slovenia) 2; Drama N.Y. 1; Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 2; Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) 3; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 3; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 4; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 5; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 6; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 7; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 8; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 9; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 10; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 11; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 12; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 13; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 14; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 15; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 16; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 17; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 18; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 19; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 20; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 21; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 22; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 23; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 24; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 25; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 26; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 27; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 28; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 29; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 30; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 31; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 32; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 33; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 34; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 35; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 36; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 37; Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 38; 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CYCLING: VIRENQUE UNABLE TO CLOSE GAP ON LEADING GERMAN

Victory in sight as Ullrich survives final challenge

FROM JEREMY WHITTLE
IN MONTBELLARD

JAN ULLRICH, the leader of the Tour de France, experienced his most uncomfortable moments since donning the yellow jersey as Richard Virenque, the Frenchman lying second overall, made one final attempt to catch the German on the eighteenth stage, through the hilly Vosges region, here yesterday.

However, the complexity of team rivals and Virenque's own tactical confusion allowed Ullrich, aided by Udo Rous, his team-mate and compatriot, to recover lost ground. There was some consolation for Virenque's Festina team as Didier Rous, 26, cruised to his first stage success.

Virenque, who set out more than six minutes behind Ullrich, had clearly not given up hope of reducing his deficit or even usurping the German, and led an attack of ten of the race leaders, minus Ullrich, at the foot of the day's most significant climb, the Grand-Ballon, west of Mulhouse.

"We could see that Ullrich wasn't on a great day," Rous said, "so we attacked and he

couldn't go with us." By the summit of the Col du Hundsruck, after 85 kilometres, the group containing Virenque and two of his team-mates was almost one minute clear of a grimacing Ullrich. With only Bolts of his Telekom team available to help his pursuit, and with 90 kilometres still to race, Ullrich's command of the Tour suddenly looked fragile.

However, Virenque, increasingly irritated by the refusal of his fellow breakaway riders to share the effort, suddenly ordered his team-mates to stop working. "This morning, I decided that I

didn't want to finish the Tour without again trying to crack Ullrich," Virenque said. "Everybody could see that he was tired but, when we attacked, we didn't get any help from riders who were placed in the top five overall."

Fernando Escartin, one of the leading riders in the break, was quick to respond to the charge. "Virenque doesn't know how to ride intelligently," the Spaniard said. "Of course, it was down to Festina to make the effort — they had the most to gain. But they have no sense of strategy. They had a chance to make up a lot of ground on Ullrich, but he

ordered them to stop working."

As Virenque shook his head and Escartin, Marco Pantani and Abraham Olano shrugged their shoulders, the Frenchman's two team-mates, Rous and Pascal Hervé, continued their high pace and moved clear. "Pascal told me to go, because he was going to drop back and look after Virenque, so I attacked as hard as I could," Rous said.

"Ten kilometres from the finish, I saw that I had a five-minute lead and I knew I couldn't be beaten. When the team's going as well as this, you feel like you're riding on euphoria."

Ullrich, who finished safely in the main field, was the tour as good as won but, with only two flat road stages and the final time-trial on Saturday left to worry him, the stress of leading the Tour for the best part of two weeks is finally beginning to show. "Today I feel really stressed because of all the pressure and media attention," he said, "but I suppose I'll have to get used to it. I'm happy that the race is nearly over and that we'll soon be in Paris."



Laurent Brochard, of France, leads the climb up the Grand-Ballon during the Tour's eighteenth stage yesterday

TOUR DE FRANCE DETAILS

EIGHTEEN STAGE (Colmar to Montbelloard, 178km): 1, O Rocca (Fr, Festina) 4hr 24min 48sec; 2, P Horne (Fr, Festina) as second; 3, D Gosselin (Fr, Festina) 5hr 10min 4sec; 4, J Virenque (Fr, T-Mobile) 5hr 10min 5sec; 5, A Schleck (Fr, Festina) same time; 6, P Rous (Fr, Festina) 5hr 14min 1sec; 7, D Schleck (Fr, Festina) 5hr 14min 2sec; 8, B Danner (Fr, Festina) 5hr 14min 3sec; 9, M Schleck (Fr, Festina) 5hr 14min 4sec; 10, G Betsch (Fr, Festina) 5hr 14min 5sec; 11, L Madouas (Fr, Festina) 5hr 15min; 12, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom) 5hr 15min 1sec; 13, J Arribalzaga (Sp, Banesto) 5hr 15min 2sec; 14, M Sancristan (Es, Banesto) 5hr 15min 3sec; 15, Robin 53:07; 16, Schmid 2hr 53min 17sec; Points classification: 1, J Virenque (Fr, Festina); 2, D Gosselin (Fr, Festina); 3, P Horne (Fr, Festina); 4, G Betsch (Fr, Festina); 5, B Danner (Fr, Festina); 6, J Arribalzaga (Sp, Banesto); 7, M Sancristan (Es, Banesto); 8, J Antunes (Pt, Sideral); 9, D Gosselin (Fr, Festina); 10, L Madouas (Fr, Festina); 11, E Zabel (Ger, Telekom); 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RACING: TRAINER ENCOURAGES ASCOT TO WATER DOWN HIS RESERVATIONS ABOUT BIG-RACE GOING

Stoute puts Pilsudski decision on tap

By CHRIS MCGRATH

IT IS not difficult to imagine where Michael Stoute, an ardent cricket fan, found his inspiration for objecting to a strip of turf that looks rather too dry and bare for his purposes.

The Newmarket trainer, unlike the England management at Headingley, cannot hope to get the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes tomorrow shifted to a different patch of grass, but he has certainly done his best to ensure that the groundsmen

NEWMARKET
Nap: SAEEYA
(5.0 Ascot)
Next best: Ashraakat
(2.15 Ascot)

prepares a wicket that suits his attack — down to the ground.

In Singspiel and Pilsudski, Stoute trains the biggest rivals to Heliosio, the French-trained favourite for what is billed as the best race in Britain for many years. But yesterday he put pressure on Ascot to resume watering after today's card, copy refusing after walking the course, to commit Pilsudski to the fray.

Fortunately, there is no trainer whose own cutting edge will be blunted by further watering. Indeed, firm ground represents Heliosio's Achilles' heel, and better going would also favour the well-backed Preddoppio.

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Woodland Melody, right, beats Eloquent in the Milcars Star Stakes at Sandown Park yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert / Allsport

advice to Ascot — keep the taps on if you do not want to risk making a damp squib of your showdown between three of the most distinguished race-horses on the global stage.

"We're mad keen to run

at Sandown," he said on arriving at Sandown. "The ground is in good shape, and so is the horse, but we will have to make a late decision. We ran him on fast ground at the royal meeting last year, and that was the only bad race he has run in a long time. They

have been doing a good job, and I'd have been perfectly happy to run him today. But there are another 48 hours to go and I'd like to think those pop-up sprinklers will be going on Friday night."

Stoute will need no reminder that there are always ways of getting out, even when conditions are in your favour.

He duly acknowledged "the greatest respect for Heliosio" but one detects, in his inability to separate his own runners, no fear that there could only

be one horse in the world good enough to beat him.

"I don't think there is anything between Pilsudski and Singspiel, and nor does the formbook," he said. "They have run against each other twice, and beaten each other.

The first time, in the Gordon Richards Stakes, was inconclusive, as Singspiel is easy to get ready first time out while Pilsudski always needs a run. The second time, Pilsudski was rewarded by a short-head verdict over Eloquent.

The second time, Pilsudski beat Singspiel in the Breeders' Cup.

While Stoute is clearly anxious not to ramble the frame of his Eclipse winner, he did not have to look far yesterday to see evidence of "nothing ventured, nothing gained". Peter Chapple-Hyam had been deeply concerned about risking Woodland Melody on fast ground in the Milcars Star Stakes, but the Manton trainer was rewarded by a short-head verdict over Eloquent.

The winner certainly took time to find her stride, but finished strongly up the hill to collar Eloquent, who led early in the straight, on the post. "I was worried about the ground," Chapple-Hyam said. "Most Woodmen don't like it, and she wants further, too. If she is as good as last year's winner, Red Camelion, I'll be happy. Mind you, I'd be happy if she is as good as the second, Yashmak."

Coral discouraged such ambitions, offering 33-1 against either of yesterday's protagonists winning the 1,000 Guineas.

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CRICKET

Failure by Gooch puts Prichard in spotlight

BY JACK BAJLEY

CHELMSFORD (second day of four): Essex, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 164 runs behind Worcestershire

NOT much of a day for Graham Gooch, the retiring hero, but a good one for Essex in general and for Gooch's bosom pal, Paul Prichard, in particular. There seemed a danger that Gooch might not get much of a chance to go out in style in the second innings, having scored but 11 in the first, but the odds in his favour improved as Essex lost Prichard and Stuart Law before the end.

So well did Prichard and Robinson bat that they made 218 together in 51 overs. Prichard, in spanking form, went on to his first century against Worcestershire, but his 28th for Essex, from 140 balls.

His boundaries came in sharp salvos, for he was quite content to lie dormant in between. He clumped 16 fours and a six over mid-wicket en route to three figures — a target Robinson, too, may well reach today.

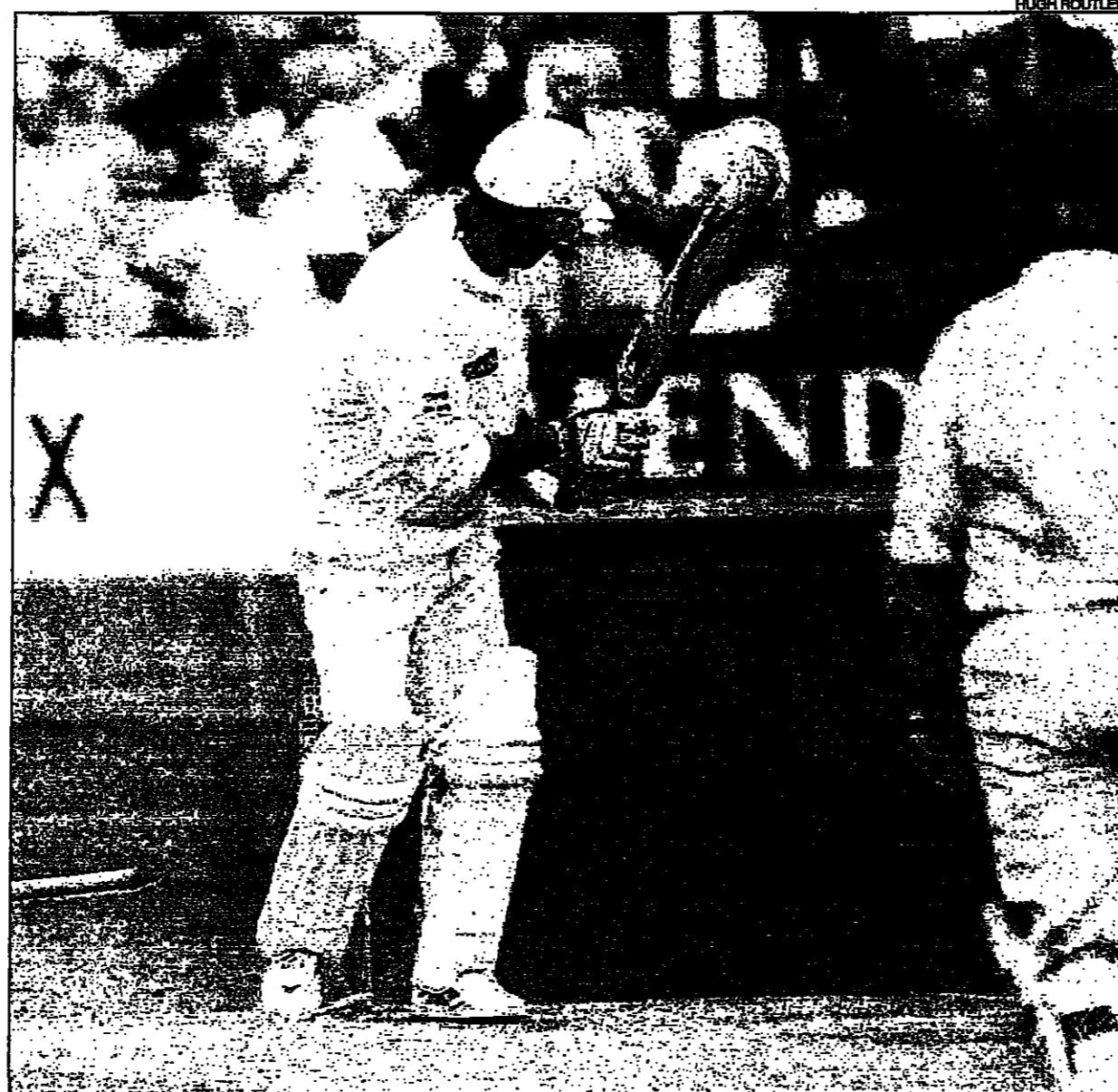
It was ironical and, certainly for the Essex faithful, a crying shame that Gooch, the man whose place Robinson is likely to take, only just reached double figures. His runs came from 26 balls and he was in for just over half an hour. He treated the left-arm fast-medium Sheriyar, bowling over the wicket, to one deft flick to long leg, the wrists turning impeccably as the stroke was played.

Gooch also played one vintage cover drive off the same bowler, the fielders left like statues as so often over the past 23 years. But then he moved too far across to the off side to play the left-arm's stock ball. The leg stump was exposed, and the bowler hit it.

The morning had been largely occupied by a young man almost exactly half

Gooch's age, Reuben Spiring, who had been undefeated with 119 runs to his credit overnight. He continued, unconcerned and unhurried, through a further 31 overs and saw Worcestershire to within five runs of their total of 394 before being caught at square leg off Grayson, who had just missed catching him off his own bowling.

Spiring, who says he owes



Gooch, on his farewell appearance for Essex, reached 11 before having his leg stump knocked out by Sheriyar

Brown shows Surrey's strength

BY RICHARD HOBSON

NORTHAMPTON (second day of four): Northamptonshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 427 runs behind Surrey

THE force remains with Alistair Brown. In attempting to follow his 203 in the Axa Life League on Sunday, he faced an unenviable task, but at Northampton yesterday he brushed aside any suggestion that the record would weigh too heavily on his shoulders.

Brown was unbeaten on 170 when the second rain-enforced delay of the Surrey innings prompted Adam Hollioake to declare on 581 for seven.

Yet this nicely balanced game remains overshadowed by one bulky, leg-weary, slightly shambling figure. It may be too much to ask that Gooch goes out in a blaze of glory, adding significantly to the 30,701 runs he has now made in 650 innings for Essex. Even if he does not, 94 centuries and an average of 51.77 with a highest score of 275 is not a bad record when you come to think of it. Anyhow, it may well be worth coming to Chelmsford on Saturday to find out what happens.

Northamptonshire, how-

ever, began in an uninhibited fashion worthy of Brown.

They scored 70 from the first ten overs before restraint took hold and enter the third day requiring a further 278 to meet their first challenge. Fifty-one of those early runs came in five overs from Chris Lewis, who bowled seven no-balls and switched to an approach of six paces as he sought to redress the problem, but still removed the off stump of David Roberts.

It says much for Northamptonshire's indisipline that the six bowlers returned just 18 maidens between them in 140 overs.

Ben Hollioake pulled Taylor out of the ground in the third over and could blame nobody but himself for failing to reach fifty. He was one short when he attempted to work Boswell through mid-

wicket and gave a leading edge to mid-off.

Hollooake took responsibility for the early scoring, but any suggestion that Brown would be permanently muted was dismissed when Penberthy held a return drive by Lewis. What followed was quite simply a one-sided contest indeed, when Bailey posted four men on the leg-side boundary for the off spin of Snape, the play bore more resemblance to a game of "dare" than of first-class cricket.

Brown scored heavily in front of the wicket on the leg side, but also drove through the covers off either foot when the line warranted. He reached his third championship hundred of the season after 195 minutes from 134 balls, but required only 32 more to pass 150. He batted

for 257 minutes in all and hit two sixes, both off Snape, and 24 fours. Jon Baity was modest enough to defer to his senior partner in contributing 23 of the seventh-wicket stand of 120.

Such a total underlines the strength in depth at the Oval, with three of the regular top four on England duty. It also appeared to give credence to their commitment to build on the Benson and Hedges Cup success.

Their first task this morn-

ing is to split Fordham and Warren, who have so far added 134 for the second wicket. Fordham marked his first championship match of the season by reaching 50 in 82 minutes, while Warren did so in 113 minutes, a flailing square cut over point against Lewis the highlight of his innings.

The batsmen had only

themselves to blame, a rash of poor shots betraying a pitch friendly enough for Jamshed

to come out helmetless when Naqvi fell in the ninth over. They were rescued by a robust 63 from Azhar Mahmood, who struck ten fours and a six, and a grafting 75 from Rana Qayyum.

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Total 6 Wkt, 43 overs		130
Zakir Hussain	did not bat	
2nd Innings	2-12, 3-47, 4-70,	
Score: 6-103, 7-104, 8-104		
BOWLING: Fazal 7-1-15-1; Kuruvilla 6-0-26-1; Kumble 10-3-17-1; Ganguly 6-1-24-0; Tendulkar 5-0-18-1; Singh 9-0-13-3.		

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S. G. Sangakkara	not out	73
S. S. Prabhakar	c Ehsan	25
M. Ashwin	not out	
Ehsan (b 4, n 7, r 1, w 2)		8
Total (1 wkt, 15 overs)		132
2nd Innings	2-10, 3-17-1; Ganguly 6-1-24-0; Tendulkar 5-0-18-1; Singh 9-0-13-3.	
Fall of wicket: 1-54.		
BOWLING: Hemant Hora 3-0-25-0; Zafar Iqbal 2-0-17-0; Md. Saifuddin 3-0-22-0; Ehsan Hoque 5-0-34-1; Muttar Rizwan 2-0-16-0; Mirzaul Haider 20-13-0		
Man of the match: S. C. Ganguly.		

Alleyne piles on agony for Durham

que: Alleyne also hit 32 fours before slushing to slip.

Russell then went on to his fourth century for the county, finishing 103 not out, after he and Martin Ball had lashed a spirited attack for another 81 in 12 overs. Durham were left, by the declaration, with an awkward 17 overs but, after five of them, they were saved from further torment by a deluge.

Durham's captain, David Boon, is now in as wretched a run of form as his team. He has not reached double figures in his last six innings and it will need a ton of application from at least three of his players, plus that luck that is rarely found around losing teams, to save this match. Boon has never been an emotional or even inspirational figure, but has usually imparted an air of stoic defiance. Now, even that Australian sang-froid seems to have gone.

Dowman's career-best detains Leicestershire

BY RUPERT COX

LEICESTER (second day of four): Leicestershire, with seven first-innings wickets in hand, are 199 runs behind Nottinghamshire

THE county champions were again held up at Grace Road yesterday, as Nottinghamshire consolidated their overnight position with a tenth-wicket stand that frustrated Leicestershire for a further hour. Then, when they batted, four rain interruptions deprived Leicestershire of 38 overs, which meant that they have now lost in excess of 150 overs to the elements this summer.

Nottinghamshire's last pair extended their partnership to 48 before James Ormond, who impressed with three for 64, forced Matthew Dowman to top-edge a pull for a career-best 149. Nevertheless, the visitors had, by then, gleaned three batting points for the first time this season and, in so doing, surpassed 300 for the third time.

Their 342 was almost entirely due to Dowman's 439-minute innings, as he continued to play with a mixture of abandon, luck and the crisp strokeplay so prevalent on Wednesday. That aside, Nottinghamshire were grateful for Leicestershire's prodigal nature in yielding 52 extras, as only Tim Robin-

son, besides Dowman, exceeded 30.

In between the showers, Leicestershire made steady progress before the New Zealander, Nathan Astle, removed Ian Sneddon and James Whitaker with deliveries that kept low, while earlier, a fiercely lifting delivery from Chris Tolley dislodged Vince Wells. Despite Wells's protestations that the ball had deflected off his arm, umpire Allan Jones sent him on his way. With wickets tumbling to uneven bounce, on a relaid surface, Leicestershire's anxiety over the toss was merely heightened.

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Derbyshire regret a lack of urgency

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

CHESTERFIELD (second day of four): Glamorgan, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 474 runs behind Derbyshire

THIS match offers a diminishing promise of a first championship victory this summer for Derbyshire. There were five stoppages for rain, and only 42 overs were possible against the leaders, leaving the bottom county rueing a lack of first-day urgency.

Philip DeFreitas dismissed Steve James leg-before, without offering a stroke as Glamorgan embarked on the initial target of making 264 to avoid following on. But Derbyshire still have much to do.

Vince Clarke with 76 not out, including 12 fours and a six at a run a ball, had earlier made his fifth first-class half century this season for Derbyshire and passed 600 runs in his 21st innings since moving from Leicestershire. Now, with his third county, having played for Somerset three years ago, a maiden hundred beckons Clarke. He fell one short against Warwickshire at Edgbaston last month.

The weather means that Derbyshire spent far longer than anticipated in passing 500 and launching an attempt to bowl out Glamorgan twice. The pitch is not conducive to that, either, as Darren Mal-

Unbeaten Ganguly steers India into cup final

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SOURAV GANGULY steered India into the final of the Asia Cup with an elegant unbeaten 73 off 52 balls against Bangladesh yesterday. The defending champions will play Sri Lanka, the World Cup winners, in the climax to the four-team tournament tomorrow.

India, needing to reach their target of 131 in 20 overs or less, cruised to a nine-wicket victory in 15 overs for the loss of just Sachin Tendulkar, their captain. The win was sufficient to place them second in the league standings, ahead of Pakistan, who have never won the Asia Cup, and Bangladesh, who finished last.

Ganguly, who hit two sixes and eight fours in his innings, shared an unbroken second-wicket partnership of 78 with Mohammad Azharuddin. The former India captain made 23 off 20 balls after India had lost Tendulkar for 28, with the total on 54, in the seventh over.

Earlier, some tight India bowling and fielding had restricted Bangladesh to 130 for eight off 43 overs, before a shower ended the innings with five of the stipulated 48 overs still to be bowled, overnight rain having already cut the match from 50 overs.

Robin Singh, the medium-pace bowler, took three for 13 in nine overs and Anil Kumble, the leg spinner, took one for 17 in ten overs.

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S. G. Sangakkara	not out	73
S. S. Prabhakar	c Ehsan	25
M. Ashwin	not out	
Ehsan (b 4, n 7, r 1, w 2)		8
Total (1 wkt, 15 overs)		132
2nd Innings	2-10, 3-17-1; Ganguly 6-1-24-0; Tendulkar 5-0-18-1; Singh 9-0-13-3.	
Fall of wicket: 1-54.		
BOWLING: Hemant Hora 3-0-25-0; Zafar Iqbal 2-0-17-0; Md. Saifuddin 3-0-22-0; Ehsan Hoque 5-0-34-1; Muttar Rizwan 2-0-16-0; Mirzaul Haider 20-13-0		
Man of the match: S. C. Ganguly.		

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CRICKET

Shah able to supply Ramprakash with winning platform

By MICHAEL HENDERSON

LORD'S (second day of four): Middlesex, with five second-innings wickets in hand, require 122 runs to beat Kent.

IT IS not often that an innings of 21 warrants an exceptional comment but, in the brief time that he was at the crease last night, Owais Shah looked a batsman of real promise. The 18-year-old came in with Middesex rocking at 41 for three, as Kallis nursed a migraine and Brown rested a badly injured finger.

Together with Ramprakash, who batted quite beautifully, Shah added 70 for the fourth wicket until offering an unaccompanied front-leg to Strang's googly. He was foxed out, leg-before. In a low-scoring match, it was an important partnership and, in Ramprakash, Middesex have a man who could yet win it for them.

Ramprakash batted for 2½ hours until, with McCague recalled to the attack and the light growing dimmer, he reckoned the vampires were

right to ask him whether he wanted to stay on. He has made 69 so far, with ten fours and a resounding pulled six off Strang, and had just been joined by Kallis when the light faded after the leg spinner had taken a second wicket.

The captain owed them some runs after missing two chances that would have reduced their target substantially, from 261 to 207. Fulton, the Kent opener, was reprieved on 22 and Marsh dropped when his predecessor as captain, Gattting, who wore the gloves in Brown's absence.

Gatting made a good wicketkeeper and, if his vocal contribution was any guide, he enjoyed himself hugely. The best of his three catches was a wonderful effort, low to his left as he dived in front of Ramprakash, who had already committed himself fully to making a possible catch. Poor Walker, who fell to Brown's equally fine take in

the first innings, went off moping. Gatting loved that wicket and his team-mates hardly loved it less.

All out for 105 early, when



Healy, the Australia wicketkeeper, leads the exodus during another glorious interruption for the weather

Frustration follows the floodlit frolics

EDGBASTON (first day of four): Warwickshire won toss; Warwickshire have scored 100 for no wicket against Somerset.

ON Wednesday evening, Edgbaston was a vibrant illuminated venue, throbbing to rock, music and Mexican waves (Ivo Tenant writes). Yesterday it made for a desolate sight. The thousands who had filled the ground for the first floodlit Sunday League match had long since departed and the drizzle was unrelenting.

Only 11 balls were bowled, six of them by Andy Cadick, who had driven 120 miles from Leeds to do so after

being left out of the England side. Play did not begin until 5.15 and, so heavy was the downpour shortly afterwards, that there was no prospect of a resumption before the scheduled close at seven o'clock.

This planned late finish was due to the hours of play having been put back after the events of the previous evening. By the time the television interviews had been completed, it was almost midnight.

The groundstaff had only a few hours' sleep before returning to prepare the square for the championship match. The cleaning-up operations around the ground were still continuing in the morning.

The Middesex pursuit did not begin well. Weekes drove feebly to gully and Pooley, possibly deceived in the flight, clapped an easy catch to mid-on. When Kent got Gatting for a duck, caught splendidly by Strang in the gully, they were cock-a-hoop. They reckoned without Shah's pluck, though.

For a teenager he is extremely self-confident.

Ramprakash continues to bat delightfully in county cricket. The quality of his straight driving was exceptional and he went to his half-century, from 58 balls, by taking 15 off a Strang over. It included a pulled six, a straight drive and a cover drive off the back foot. Today, with Kallis in support, he has the chance to deliver a remarkable victory.

Openers ease the pressure

By PAT GIBSON

SOUTHAMPTON (second day of four): Hampshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 308 runs behind Lancashire.

AN unbroken opening partnership of 171 between Matthew Haydn and Jason Lanea eased the pressure on Hampshire yesterday as the club's hierarchy prepared to stave off the threat of a revolt by members who are becoming increasingly concerned by the county's lack of success.

A massive defeat would make their task even more difficult when they meet the protesters at an "informal discussion forum" in a marquee beside the Phil Mead Stand tomorrow morning and it was looking a distinct possibility when Lancashire ad-

vanced from their overnight 423 for five to 509 for nine declared, their highest score of the season.

It could still happen, of course, since Hampshire have to reach 420 just to avoid the follow-on, but there seemed no reason why they should not do that when Haydn and Lanea were making the Lancashire attack look even more innocuous than their own had been, before rain ended play just before tea.

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Lancashire were adding 149 in 29 overs in the morning. Watkinson went on to 135, including four sixes and 17 fours, Austin helped himself to an unbeaten 65 and even Shadoff, the nightwatchman, made a career-best 30.

Hampshire's argument is that, with no world-class bowler available, they were better off with a prolific runmaker like Haydn and the Australian made that point, too.

He became the second batsman to reach 1,000 runs this season when he passed 35 and went on to an undefeated 90 off only 102 balls. Meanwhile, Lanea, who owed his side runs, after dropping both Lancashire centurions, was doing his best to repay the debt with an unbeaten 67.

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Formula One losing licence to thrill

Crisis, what crisis? More than 100,000 spectators, fuelled by beer, *bratwurst* and a boorish sense of national identity, are camped in the forests around Hockenheim. With their flags, flares and fireworks, they will lend a theatrical air of expectancy to the German Grand Prix on Sunday.

The race will enshrine the power of the modern Formula One car, which will exceed 250mph on four separate sections of a four-mile circuit that is redolent with history.

Teams such as Jordan and McLaren will challenge the established order at Williams and Ferrari, and the drivers will require subtlety in addition to the courage that is a prerequisite for speed.

The auguries are encouraging. There is a sense that the sport has reached an axial moment. Its financial and professional standards may still be set by one man, Michael Schumacher, but the infusion of young talent is a significant sign of collective strength.

Generations are changing. Only yesterday Gerhard Berger announced that he is to leave Benetton-Renault at the end of the season. Retirement seems the logical option.

because drivers such as him, Jean Alesi and Mika Häkkinen are being pushed to the margins by newcomers such as Giancarlo Fisichella, Jarno Trulli and Alexander Wurz. For every thirty-something such as Damon Hill, who is seeking the security of a seven-figure contract, there is a Dario Franchitti, serving a quietly efficient apprenticeship at an institution such as Mercedes-Benz.

Global television ratings remain stratospheric, although one should never forget strictures about damn lies and statistics. Sponsors circle the paddock like hawks scanning summer hedge rows but, somewhere, something is missing. Formula One is becoming a soulless experience, a business expense rather than a labour of love.

It still attempts to exploit the innocence of the days when drivers emerged from their cars with the insouciance of Battle of Britain pilots emerging from their cockpits. With their grimy faces and casual acceptance of risk, they were heroes for Everyman.

The intrinsic dangers remain, but characters have been consumed by the corporate culture. The suits in the

MICHAEL CALVIN



'Becoming a soulless experience'

motorhomes prefer faces to be fresh, comments to be bland. Praise the Lord Mammon, laud the engine manufacturer, and land the sponsor.

There is an element of the emperor's new clothes here. The start of a grand prix is still one of the most riveting spectacles in professional sport, but when was the last overtaking manoeuvre that inspired instinctive inhalation? From a personal point of view, it was probably as far back as the sixteenth lap of the Portuguese Grand Prix last year; when Jacques Villeneuve had the temerity to overtake Schumacher on the outside.

The British Grand Prix 12 days ago, might have been absorbing and invested with great nervous tension, but its

drama was dependent upon mechanical malfunction, rather than individual inspiration. There was not a significant overtaking ploy in the entire 194-mile race.

Hockenheim offers a better chance of a successful lung, but such manoeuvres are so studiously old-fashioned that they seem to deserve preservation in a sepia print. Colour-by-numbers circuits such as Magny-Cours, where accelerating out of the racing line would be suicidal, prevail. Typically, in Hungary, which hosts the next grand prix there

relate to the reasons why people want to go racing."

Blundell returned to the Formula One paddock for the first time in two seasons in Montreal last month, where he provided colour commentary for ITV. He was struck by the cultural differences. "When you're in it for the whole time, you don't notice these things, but when you've got used to another environment, it hits you," he said. "There are not too many happy faces, are there?"

Frank Williams balances

his argument, but admits to some misgivings about the direction of the sport. "I have found some races this year so gripping I didn't want them to end." He said. "But I would like to see some more challenging circuits. Or too many it is too difficult to pass."

In the immortal words of Williams, "a Formula One car should make you shiver". Villeneuve insists that he yearns for any opportunity to indulge his passion for "pure speed". He stresses: "That's why I do what I do." Hill is more circumspect, but even he suggests: "No one should be able to look at Formula One and say 'I could do that, no problem'."

Too many can, and do.

'Indycar is superior product'

It is the turn of the breakfast television host Lorraine Kelly and chairman Nigel Havers to do the rounds of the supermarket shelves and come up with the regulation £5-worth of ingredients that will be turned into a tasty meal in just 20 minutes. Professional chef Kevin Woodford and Lesley Waters are on hand to help them do it, with the presenter Fern Britton doing her usual best to jolly things along. Whether introducing familiar faces into a format that has functioned for so long without them is a moot point, for hectic cooking is one area where members of the public can be just as watchable. But there is usually fun to be had from seeing celebrities cast against type and the contest between the weathermen Ian McCaskill and Michael Fish should be specially worth catching.

Hypotheticals

BBC2, 7.00pm (except Scotland)

Clive Anderson has been so determined to prove himself as a television funnyman that it is sometimes difficult to credit that he is by training a barrister. But now he has the chance to demonstrate his courtroom skills as he plays moderator in the *Hypotheticals* game. It may seem a big switch but be assured that his questioning is sharp and that he leaves his jokes mostly behind. Some may even prefer this probing, jousting serious Anderson to the quip-a-second talk show host. Tonight's imaginary scenario concerns the problems of running a small business, such as whether to take on a woman who is pregnant and how to deal with claims of sexual harassment. As usual in this series there are too many experts, with the result that some of them barely get a chance to speak. But it is a lively session.

Gardeners' World

BBC2, 8.30pm

The one thing that removes gardening programmes from the everyday reality of amateur horticulturalists is that you never see a weed. Or if Alan Titchmarsh and company do suffer from mare's tails, bindweed and other horrors, they seldom let on. Until tonight, while heavy rain kept Titchmarsh out of his Mediterranean garden, the

weeds flourished. Before moving on to more pleasurable activities, such as planting day lilies, he must deal with them. It is a rare moment of revelation. The same can be said for Bob Flowerdew's contribution. Normally seen demonstrating unlikely uses for old car tyres or redundant freezers, Bob eschews both to sing the praises of scented plants. He is an old gardener softie after all. With Gay Search there are no surprises, just quiet enthusiasm. She is in the Suffolk village of Long Melford to look over an exquisite display of clematis and perennials.

Get Fit With Brittas

BBC1, 8.50pm (except Scotland)

Chris Barrie, in his sitcom guise as the leisure centre manager Gordon Brittas, offers more tips for healthy living. The script is not quite as funny as last week's, or perhaps the novelty value of the format is starting to fade. But there is no argument about the seriousness of the message, however flippantly it is delivered. Barrie/Brittas is telling us in his nerdy way what we should already know, but often choose to forget or ignore, that we should take exercise and a lot of it. Moderate exercise which leaves us slightly out of breath is the thing: not sudden bouts of weight lifting or similar sudden exertions. Walking or cycling are the recommended modes, with Lesley Ash of *Men Behaving Badly* joining Brittas on a two-wheeled excursion into the countryside. Peter Waymark

TENNIS: HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT LAND INTER-COUNTY TITLE FOR FIRST TIME

Wilkinson serves up cup success

By JULIAN MUSCAT

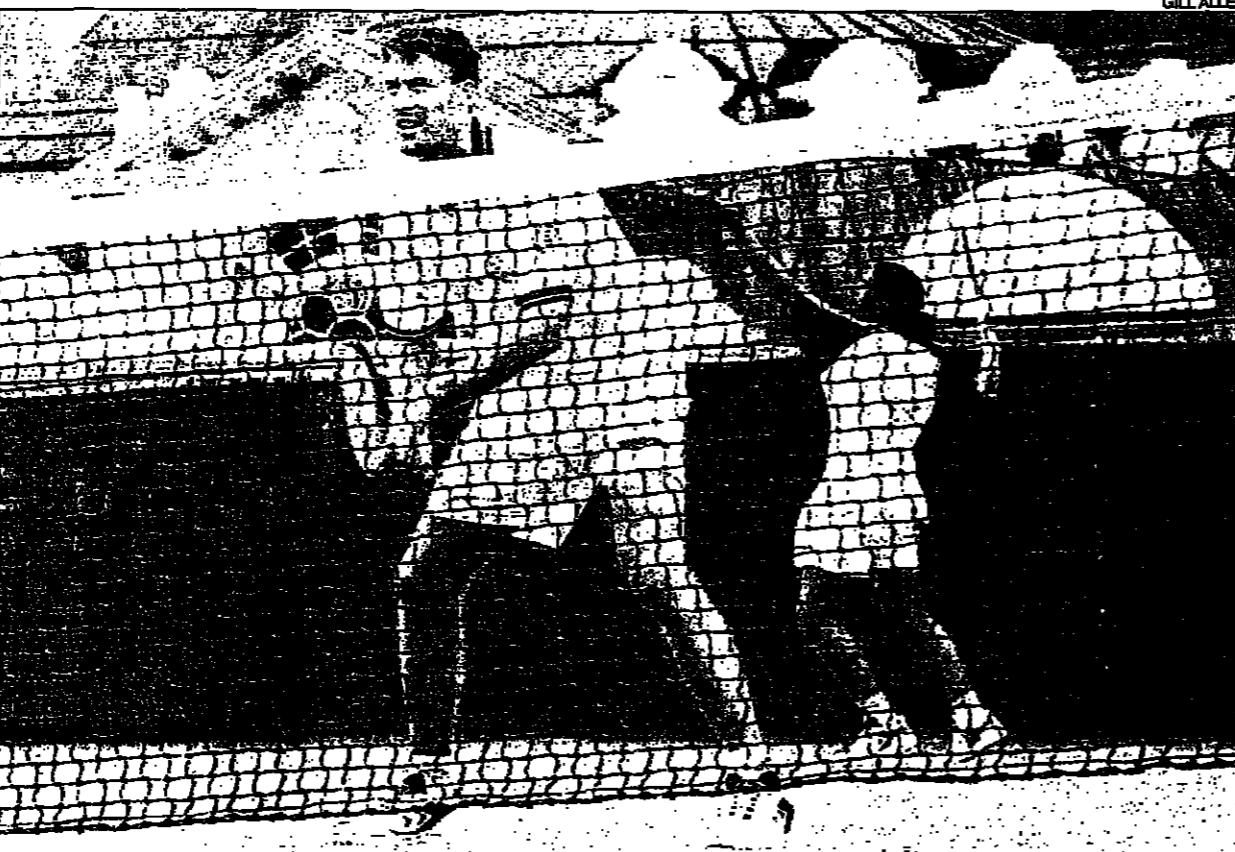
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

WINNING provides reason enough to celebrate, but there is nothing like winning in style. The men of Hampshire and Isle of Wight took the latter route at Eastbourne yesterday, building up an unassailable lead to lift the Inter-County Cup for the first time in their centenary year.

An 8-1 trouncing of Yorkshire ensured that the victors prevailed with a day to spare. It was no more than they deserved. The team played with assurance throughout this gruelling round-robin format, often outclassing opponents from the opening rallies. The players will take a lap of honour today, although their determination has been such that Surrey, their opponents, can expect no favours at all.

The platform for Hampshire and Isle of Wight's resounding triumph was established by their first pairing of Chris Wilkinson and Laurence Matthews. Their strength in returning service has seen them triumph in each of the 24 sets that they have played to date. Wilkinson, ranked No 4 in Britain, requires little introduction: the fact that he has yet to lose his service in more than 50 games pays him handsome tribute.

Yet Matthews, who has been coaching and playing league tennis in Germany for the past two years, has more



Daniel Lobb guards the net as Julian Godfrey, his Hampshire and Isle of Wight team-mate, serves yesterday

than held his own — particularly with his exquisite touch at the net. He played with Wilkinson when they were juniors and the combination has looked well balanced throughout the week. "He has been very solid," Wilkinson

said of his partner. "It has been a pleasure to play with him." Despite his imminent return to the professional tour, Wilkinson said he has no intention of sitting out the round of matches today.

The county's second pairing, Nick Weal and Paul Sculard, all but matched Wilkinson and Matthews. They conceded just one of the 12 rubbers they contested to endorse Hampshire and Isle of Wight's supremacy. Weal, the British No 10, and Wilkinson bypassed a challenger tournament in Newcastle to represent their county this week. The move ensured that there was to be no repeat of events 12 months ago, when the county lost to Surrey by a rubber.

Ian Hewitt, the county cap-

tain, has employed a purposeful stride all week as he followed his team's progress. Now, for the first time in 35 years' involvement in county week, he could savour the taste of victory. Hewitt assumed the captaincy in 1984, when Hampshire and Isle of

Wight won promotion from group six. He has now delivered the perfect focal point for the county's centenary dinner.

"It will be nice to have the trophy on display," Hewitt said yesterday. "That is why we have been so focused to do our best this year. It has always been my ambition to be associated with a winning side." Before captaining the team, Hewitt played in this event for 20 years — including when his county first won

promotion to group one. Hampshire and Isle of Wight have been well supported this week — not least by those who stocked and tended their splendid lunch wagon, upon which many a covetous eye has strayed.

In the women's event, Essex remain firmly on target to record their fifth consecutive championship after brushing aside Yorkshire 8-1, despite the concession of a rubber when Sam Smith, the British No 1, was delayed in the morning. They face Middlesex today, boosted by the expected return from a tournament in Dublin of Amanda Janes, the British No 10.

Warwickshire made sure Essex cannot afford to falter with a resounding victory over South Wales yesterday. Although Warwickshire have recorded marginally more winning rubbers than Essex, their opening-day defeat by the defending champions looks like proving costly.

Yorkshire are the only county whose men and women are in group one, but both teams will fight for their survival today. Even then, victory for the men against Devon, and for the women against South Wales, may not be enough for either side to avoid relegation.

Boetsch passes test

ARNAUD BOETSCH, the top seed, secured a place in the quarter-finals of the Northern Electric Open in Newcastle yesterday with a 6-0, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Giorgio Galimberti, of Italy.

But the Frenchman, who is ranked 38th in the world, is not optimistic about his chances of winning the tournament after struggling to

assert his superiority. After allowing Galimberti back into the match in the second set, Boetsch had three match points at 5-1 in the third but wasted them all before finally going through on his fifth.

"I'm playing OK but I don't think I can win the title," Boetsch said. "My shoulder is very weak and I am not serving well."

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 39

DIYBAL

(c) An Australian aboriginal language spoken in the vicinity of Tully and Atherton in North-east Queensland. The people speaking the language, *Verbatim*, summer, 1984: "Chlor worked out principles of gender in Diybal (involving a knowledge of Diybal science)."

BALLYHOOF OF BLAZES

(c) Sailors' term of contempt for a vessel which they dislike for any reason. The etymology of the first element is uncertain, but perhaps the same word as *ballyhoo* applied contemptuously to a lubberly or ungainly vessel, an adaptation of the Spanish *báilu* a schooner. Herman Melville, *Omoo*, 1847: "Steer clear of this ballyhoof of blazes as long as ye live."

DOPR

(c) A Bush village or small town in South Africa. Afrikaans. "The radius of God have always spoken out of dopr's like Medina and Nazareth."

CRIOLO

(a) A variety of cocoa tree. *Theobroma cacao*, native to Central America; also a name for high-quality cocoa or cacao beans. From the Spanish *criollo*, native to the locality, cognate with *creole*. "There are two grades of Venezuelan cacao — the *criollo* or native, and the *minatiro* or Trinidad."

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Cookery from the stars

Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook

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Hypotheticals

BBC2, 7.00pm

Clive Anderson has been so determined to prove himself as a television funnyman that it is sometimes difficult to credit that he is by training a barrister. But now he has the chance to demonstrate his courtroom skills as he plays moderator in the *Hypotheticals* game. It may seem a big switch but be assured that his questioning is sharp and that he leaves his jokes mostly behind. Some may even prefer this probing, jousting serious Anderson to the quip-a-second talk show host. Tonight's imaginary scenario concerns the problems of running a small business, such as whether to take on a woman who is pregnant and how to deal with claims of sexual harassment. As usual in this series there are too many experts, with the result that some of them barely get a chance to speak. But it is a lively session.

Gardeners' World

BBC2, 8.30pm

The one thing that removes gardening programmes from the everyday reality of amateur horticulturalists is that you never see a weed. Or if Alan Titchmarsh and company do suffer from mare's tails, bindweed and other horrors, they seldom let on. Until tonight, while heavy rain kept Titchmarsh out of his Mediterranean garden, the



Fern Britton on kitchen duty (BBC1)

weeds flourished. Before moving on to more pleasurable activities, such as planting day lilies, he must deal with them. It is a rare moment of revelation. The same can be said for Bob Flowerdew's contribution. Normally seen demonstrating unlikely uses for old car tyres or redundant freezers, Bob eschews both to sing the praises of scented plants. He is an old gardener softie after all. With Gay Search there are no surprises, just quiet enthusiasm. She is in the Suffolk village of Long Melford to look over an exquisite display of clematis and perennials.

Get Fit With Brittas

BBC1, 8.50pm (except Scotland)

Chris Barrie, in his sitcom guise as the leisure centre manager Gordon Brittas, offers more tips for healthy living. The script is not quite as funny as last week's, or perhaps the novelty value of the format is starting to fade. But there is no argument about the seriousness of the message, however flippantly it is delivered. Barrie/Brittas is telling us in his nerdy way what we should already know, but often choose to forget or ignore, that we should take exercise and a lot of it. Moderate exercise which leaves us slightly out of breath is the thing: not sudden bouts of weight lifting or similar sudden exertions. Walking or cycling are the recommended modes, with Lesley Ash of *Men Behaving Badly* joining Brittas on a two-wheeled excursion into the countryside. Peter Waymark

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Prom Interval Interview

Radio 3, 8.30pm

Hotfoot from playing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 in tonight's Prom, direct from the Albert Hall, Steven Kovacevich and chairwoman Nigel Havers to do the rounds of the supermarket shelves and come up with the regulation £5-worth of ingredients that will be turned into a tasty meal in just 20 minutes. The script is not quite as funny as last week's, or perhaps the novelty value of the format is starting to fade. But there is no argument about the seriousness of the message, however flippantly it is delivered. Barrie/Brittas is telling us in his nerdy way what we should already know, but often choose to forget or ignore, that we should take exercise and a lot of it. Moderate exercise which leaves us slightly

It's in it

Wild? The foodies must have been furious

It's taken me a couple of weeks to work out what Nick Nairn is up to with the latest series of *Wild Harvest* (BBC2) but I think I've finally got there. First time out, I thought he was just plain ridiculous. I mean, describing *caragheen* as "a fantastic standby pudding". In the first place, it involves combing the Scottish sea-shore for hours to find little clumps of red seaweed; secondly, not even the inhabitants of Skye seemed to rate it much ("I'm not sure how you would describe it but it's not that pleasant"); and thirdly, the blarney sauce that allegedly provided the perfect accompaniment was "all the better if left for three days". Sturdy pudding? It would take less time to record an entire series of *Ready, Steady, Cook*.

But the first inkling that Nairn might be pursuing another culinary agenda came last week when his main course began: "First shoot your Arctic hare." Was that

the suggestion of a smile playing around his lips? I think after last night's superlative effort we can safely say it was. For *Wild Harvest* turns out to be nothing to do with teaching people new recipes — its true agenda is much more fun — torturing foodies, tormenting the Loyd Grossman set, whose passion for the freshest and most obscure ingredients knows no bounds.

Nairn is clearly out to make

their lives a misery and last night he came up with a real lulu: hand-dived scallops. Just so wonderful. All over Britain this morning, the catering classes will be signing up for scuba-diving lessons, looking forward to swapping *bouillabaisse* recipes in the decompression chamber. Those of us who stick to being guesstes, on the other hand, can look forward to innocently observing: "These scallops are nice, dive for them yourself!"

The footage of Nairn doing just that was actually rather distressing. Nobody, you see, had warned me that scallops actually put up a fight. At the first sign of a hand-diver, these bi-valves go all a-flutter and they desperately try to flap their way to safety. It's pathetic and utterly futile. Back on the surface all it took was an expert twist of Nairn's knife. "You can see it's still beating, it's so fresh." Umm, lovely.

But the tormenting of the *MasterChef* brigade was not over yet. The key to their hand-dived scallops dish (apart from his hallmark flares) was a tomato and shell-fish sauce. And the key to the sauce was "tomato water", which apparently is what you collect when you suspend five pounds of ripe tomatoes in a soaked muslin bag over a very small container, and leave them overnight. That sounds just the

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thing for the decompression chamber.

There were more recipes in the final instalment of *Smith and Jones* (BBC1) but the one that springs immediately to mind was so disgusting that I can't bring myself to make even the most oblique reference to it. Oh, all right then — woof! Sorry.

Like any 30-minute, sketch-

based show, *Smith and Jones* has

found itself compared to *The Fast Show*, a comparison which quickly gets tied up in meaningless arguments about which came first or which is better. Caroline Aherne's "Scorpio" or Smith and Jones' hyper-inflationary state of *Panagia*? Paul Whitehouse and Charlie Higson probably do hold the fashionable high-ground at the moment, but so what? It's almost 18 years since Smith and Jones were in the same position with *Not the Nine O'clock News*. They've been there, done it and successfully moved on — several times.

Now it's time to move on again. Not because the last series wasn't good, it was and last night's was one of the best. But it's a format that they have become too comfortable with and so have we. The ability to shock is still there (they managed that twice) but the vital elements of surprise and spontaneity are not what they were.

My suggestion would be not to

compete with the young guns of *The Fast Show* generation or the vulgarity of Hale and Pace, but to take advantage of that 20-year track record and have a go at big-budget, mainstream variety, using the mix of stand-up, sketches, comic drama and guest stars that *Morecambe and Wise* and *The Two Ronnies* exploited so successfully, and nobody else has since.

The only problem is that I think I suffered this after their previous series, too, so I don't suppose they'll listen this time either.

They could — a public picker of the Toronto half-way house he was staying in and the threat from fellow parolees eventually forced him to return to prison. John Kasner's thoroughly thought-provoking film showed just how easy (and understandable) it is in such cases for justice to be subverted by a lynch-mob mentality. Paradoxically, Oatway (whose speech impediment invited some sympathy despite his crimes) was subsequently paroled again to a half-way house much closer to his victims in British Columbia. That was fine with them, they said, they'd be able to keep an eye on him. They'd be waiting.

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It's tough time

Drug forecast

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BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (12670)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (11800)
9.00 Breakfast News Extra (T) (3191106)
9.20 Ready, Steady, Cook (T) (1515212)
9.30 Kilroy (T) (627380)
10.30 Gloria's Time Off: Barbara Windsor (2304835)
10.45 News (T) (2488900)

10.50 Cricket: Potters — England v Australia: Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the opening session of day two as the battle for the Ashes continues at Headingley. Continues on BBC2 at 31028767

12.35pm Neighbours (8894585)

1.00 News (T) and weather (94187)

1.30 Regional News (T) (42273729)

1.40 Cricket: Fourth Test — England v Australia. The afternoon session of the second day at Headingley. Commentary by Richie Benaud, David Gower, Geoffrey Boycott and Ian Chappell (T) (60079361)

4.00 Popsey (769422), 4.10 To Me, You (4052038), 4.30 TV News: Work (T) (8245748), 5.00 Newsround (T) (1681816), 5.10 Record Breakers (T) (4479729)

5.30 Neighbours (T) (88616)

6.00 News (T) and weather (651)

6.30 Regional News (T) (903)

7.00 *Celebrity Ready, Steady, Cook*. Celebrity assistants Nigel Havers and Lorraine Kelly bring in a bag of mystery ingredients helping chefs Kevin Woodford and Lesley Waters to transform them into a delicious meal in just 20 minutes (T) (8835)

7.30 Top of the Pops: Rundown of the current top 40, plus exclusives, new videos and live performances (T) (167)

8.00 Only Fools and Horses A retired jewellery dealer offers Del the deal of a lifetime — then promptly suffers a heart attack and gets carted off to hospital with 250-cut-price gold chain still in his briefcase. Here the Trotters come a cropper once again? With David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst (T) (164563)

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2.20 Weather (9947571)

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BBC2

6.00am Open University: The Clinical Psychologist (778380), 6.25 Build a Better Business (7554187), 6.50 Modelling in the Long Term (6978941)

7.15 See How Breakfast News (T) and signing (6930496)

7.30 Teletubbies (T) (7598579), 8.10 The Postman, Pet (T) (6343212), 8.15 The Racoon (T) (6786651), 8.35 Cartoon Critters (T) (3187212), 9.05 Spiderman (T) (5376495), 9.35 Spirit Rider (T) (2271632)

10.00 The Moonrise (T) (79380), 10.25 Mr Benn (T) (7492828), 10.45 Teletubbies (T) (338855), 11.15 The Record (8040838), 11.40 Moon Over Miami (T) (913274), 12.30pm For the Love of it (6459187)

12.35 Cricket: Fourth Test (8516800)

1.00 A to Z of Food (2502689), 1.10 Beechgrove Garden: The First Season (19740517), 1.40 Take a Meal with Alsace (4228433)

1.55 Racing from Aspett The 2.15, 2.45, 3.15 and 3.50 races (4219536)

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4.05 Cricket: Fourth Test Action through to the close of play (15185767)

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HTV

6.00am GMTV (622552), 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (1509551), 9.55 Judge Judy (4212380), 10.20 News (T) (8014477)

10.25 Regional News (T) (5013748)

10.30 Cruel Doubt (94626800)

12.20pm Regional News (T) (5925835)

12.30 News (T) and weather (6617583)

12.55 Designed by Emanuel (6892277)

1.00 Home and Away (T) (3704019), 1.50 Murder, She Wrote (6837295), 2.45 HTV Crimestoppers (1462019), 2.50 Garden Calendar (T) (8027941)

3.20 News (T) (7125380)

3.25 Regional News (T) (1724651)

3.30 Rose and Jim (T) (4013125), 3.40 Cartoon Time (122749), 3.50 The Treacle People (T) (400 Zzzz) (6957829), 4.15 The Real Ghostbusters (T) (404748), 4.40 Get Wet (8253380)

5.10 A Country Practice (1435583)

5.37 HTV Crimestoppers (808051)

5.40 News (T) and weather (935632)

6.00 Home and Away (153019)

6.25 HTV Weather (250258)

6.30 The West Tonight (T) (699)

7.00 Beadle's Hotshots (4903)

7.30 Coronation Street Fiona and Steve clear the air, with Simon Gregson and Angela Griffin (T) (583)

8.00 The Bill On the eve of a trial one vital witness disappears and the other ends up in a coma (T) (3651)

8.30 Surprised Surprise Guests include Belinda Emberg, who duets on *I Got You Babe* with a wallpaper shop manager, Kenny G, who performs his latest single to a fan (92274)

9.30 Tamara on TV includes a nude studio audience in Australia and mud wrestling in Sweden (T) (78816)

10.00 News (T) and weather (48477)

10.30 The West Tonight Update (881564)

10.40 Somebody Has to Shoot the Picture (1990) with Roy Scheider, Bonnie Bedelia and Robert Carradine Melodrama about a Florida gangster, on death row for killing of a policeman, hiring a photo-journalist to make a visual account of his execution. Directed by Frank Pierson (309019)

12.35am The Wacky Weekly World News (593817)

1.00 Semi-Tough (1977) with Bert Reynolds, Kris Kristofferson and Jill Clayburgh

